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Honoring our Military Heritage

Oct. 20 marks Clemson's Military Appreciation Day with the football game against Virginia Tech.



During the Pledge of Allegiance, Clemson cadets salute the nation's flag.

WESLEE SEWELL
STAFF WRITER

Clemson University was formally founded in 1889 as Clemson College by Thomas Green Clemson, who originally served in the Confederate Army. Clemson began as an all-male military school and was converted to a co-educational school in 1955. It was re-named Clemson University in 1964 by state legislature.

Clemson Memorial Stadium is named in memory of those that have sacrificed their lives to fight for our country. During half-time of a certain football game each year, Clemson will honor and recognize military veterans, those that are currently serving and fallen soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for our nation's freedom.

This year, Clemson holds Military Appreciation Day during the Virginia Tech game on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Clemson University has recently completed the Scroll of Honor Memorial, which is located directly across from Memorial Stadium. Memorial Park honors Clemson

alumni who have served for our country and have made the ultimate sacrifice to our nation. It also pays tribute to the thousands of Clemson alumni who have served in the military.

"I had the opportunity to take a tour of the Scroll of Honor, and I learned so many interesting and important facts about those that went off to war from Clemson. I also love the placement of the Scroll of Honor right by Death Valley. It gives those that are in Clemson for game-days a chance to walk through and take a look at what Clemson's military heritage has to offer," McKenzie Breland said.

Clemson has successfully sent many students into the military and has prepared many of them by offering ROTC.

"I feel that my Clemson ROTC experience provided valuable leadership experience that prepared me somewhat for what I would do as an officer. Since I was in the Simultaneous Membership Program,

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Rock the John

The 5th annual pep rally kicks off the basketball season.

ANDY BROWN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Every year, the Clemson basketball season starts with Rock the John. On Friday, Oct. 19, the fifth annual Rock the John event will be held at 8 p.m., at Littlejohn Coliseum.

The event marks the beginning of the basketball season for both men's and women's basketball. Brad Lewis, the Marketing and Promotions Head at Clemson Athletics, has seen the progression of the event from its beginning stages this year. "Rock the John has become a great event to kick off the basketball season and get people in that basketball mode. A lot of planning goes into the event, and a lot of help is needed. This

year, we got our committee together in May to begin brainstorming and have met every month since. We believe we have put together another great event this year that people will really enjoy," Lewis said.

Last year's event featured a skilled unicycle rider, and this year's event has some surprises in store as well. "We will have an exciting performance from the Air Elite trampoline dunk team as well as the cheerleaders and Rally Cats. The players and coaches introductions will be a must see, as well as a special introduction for The Tiger. Both teams will take the floor with the women putting on a practice drill exhibition and the men a short scrimmage. Fans are

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Clemson partners with NASCAR for race

Clemson themed car to be raced in the EcoBoost 300.

HANNAH CLEVELAND
STAFF WRITER

NASCAR is one of the many ways sponsors can be noticed on a national stage.

Clemson University has partnered up with a Nationwide series driver Mike Wallace to have a Clemson themed car as the car he will drive in the final race of this season, the Ford EcoBoost 300, which is held on Nov. 17 at the Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla. The number 01 racecar was on display at the Clemson-Georgia Tech game. The

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The car was on display before the Georgia Tech game on Oct. 6.

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Clemson hosts Cake Boss competition

Students showed off their culinary creativity with a bake-off.

HANNAH CLEVELAND
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, Oct. 8, CLEMSONLIVE joined with Clemson Dining Services to host the event "Cake Boss," which was based off of the TLC show. The event was designed to allow people to show off their creativity. "I have been doing CLEMSONLIVE Competitions for a while, and we have never had an event like this before. I love to showcase the talent we have on campus, and this seemed to be the perfect out of the box experience the students were looking for," William Senn, Competitions Director for CLEMSONLIVE, said.

Participants could make and enter any kind of cake they desired. The entries were judged based on presentation, creativity, taste, mastery and crowd appeal. There were three different categories for the winners: best all-around, best tasting and crowd favorite. The all-around and best tasting winners were chosen by a panel of three judges, and the crowd favorite was voted by students who came to watch the competition, which was held in Harcombe Dining Hall. "I'm a girl that loves her dessert, so this decision was extra hard for me. Though they made my job very difficult, they also made it tasty," a judge and member of Undergraduate Student Senate, Kailey Pickitt said.



Courtney Lee's s'mores cake won best in taste.

The winner of the best all-around cake was senior Felicia Porter, who made a three-tiered Clemson themed cake. "The cake decorating took about 12 hours, and the cake baking took another six hours," Porter said. Porter's intricate cake won her a new KitchenAid mixer. Courtney Lee won best taste with her s'mores cake. "I have a small cake business now and would love to own a bakery someday, so this was the perfect activity for me," The freshman had a different approach. "The s'mores cake was not only the best tasting but the flavor was also one of the most unique, which is

what we were really looking for," Pickitt said.

The winner of the crowd appeal category was Olivia Schertz who worked with the 4th floor of Holmes Hall to bake a cake designed like Howard's Rock. "I decided to enter the competition because I thought that it would be amazing to make a cake that a huge group of people would enjoy, and because Cake Boss is one of my favorite shows to watch. Not only was it amazing to make a wonderful cake, but it was so much fun to be able to bake with a whole bunch of my friends," Schertz said.



Felicia Porter won for the best all-around cake.

Approximately 200 other students came to support the bakers and to vote on their favorite cakes. "It was really a great turnout, and these contestants deserved an audience for the work they did," Senn said.

"Hopefully, it was a good way to show their talents and have fun doing it. I definitely think it's something that you'll probably see again next year," Kayley Seawright, Undergraduate Student Senate Campus Life Chair, said.

Clemson wins the South's best Tailgate

Southern Living Magazine — The Daily South

CAROLINE MCKENZIE
THE DAILY SOUTH, COLUMNIST

You voted and the results are in: Clemson University is the winner of our first annual The South's Best Tailgate competition! From August 15 to October 1, more than 510,000 votes were cast with Alabama clinching 3rd place and Ole Miss taking 2nd place. But there can only be one winner, and in 2012 the ultimate bragging rights belong to Clemson.

The Tigers initially made our pre-season list of Top 20 Tailgate Schools thanks to the tradition of culminating each mammoth pre-gaming celebration (80,000+ fans) with the "Running Down The Hill," a dramatic player stadium entrance where the team and coaches storm the grassy incline in the east end zone of the school's Memorial Stadium, better known as Death Valley.

In honor of Clemson's 1st place finish we're sharing our Top 5 Favorite Clemson Traditions:

1. Clemson rocks. During the aforementioned "Running Down The

Hill" players and coaches rub Howard's Rock—brought from Death Valley, California, by legendary Clemson coach Frank Howard—for good luck. The rock, which is housed on a pedestal at the top of the stadium entrance, is so revered that ROTC members guard it during the 24 hours leading up to each game against heated in-state rival South Carolina.

2. Tailgating is more than a pre-game festivity. Veteran Clemson tailgaters may tell you the school's best tradition is that your ticket gets you in and out at halftime. Meaning the parking lot revelry doesn't have to end when the game begins. Plus, Clemson fans are known for continuing the tailgate after the game. Talk about endurance.

3. They have their own currency. Sort of. When Georgia Tech dropped Clemson from its schedule in the 1970s, fans boldly stamped two-dollar bills with Tiger Paws to symbolize the money Atlanta would be losing with the exit of Tiger fans. They may no longer be attempting to make a point to Georgia Tech, but two-dollar

paw-stamped bills are still proudly used by fans when attending away games.

4. They're cheesy—in a good way. Believe it or not, Clemson cures its own gourmet blue cheese. The practice was originated by a dairy professor in the 1940s and continues today as part of the school's agriculture center. Could there be anything cooler than dipping obligatory tailgate wings into campus-made blue cheese dressing? Well, maybe. Clemson also produces student-made ice cream. Flavors such as caramel, french vanilla, and milk chocolate chip are whipped-up as part of the university's food science program.

5. You can't rag on their fight song. Fight songs may err on the hokey side, but Clemson's has street cred. It's an old jazz standard called the "Tiger Rag." The school currently has 15-different versions (typical for jazz, right?) of the tune they lovingly refer to as "The Song that Shook The Southland."

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car was painted with purple and orange stripes and had the Clemson logo on the side. The hood of the car featured a Clemson tiger paw print.

A creative inquiry class consisting of nine students and guided by Mary Anne Raymond and Amanda Cooper Fine, put together everything, allowing Clemson University to have this partnership. According to Wallace, this is the first program between a university and NASCAR.

The students designed long and short term proposals for the car to be raced and have been heavily involved in the project.

The group hopes to obtain full sponsorship rights for Wallace's car for the 2012 and 2013 race seasons, since Wallace does not have a full-year sponsor for his car.

"Amanda Fine contacted me to tell me about the opportunity, and I thought it would be a great way to test all that I have learned throughout courses as a student. So many college courses are structured around homework, tests, projects, etc., so when I was offered to join a class that was challenging and focused on real results, I was sold," Patrick Chamberlain, a student in the creative inquiry group, said. "This

project has been unbelievably fun so far. Yes, I have been stressed along with everyone else, but it is just a big thrill ride that never ends, and we are expecting a lot more to come," Matt Wehman, a student in the creative inquiry group, said.

The display at the Georgia Tech game showcased the partnership to the Clemson community. "So many people think it is just going around and around making left turns, but when you get down to the strategy racing, it becomes much more. Also, over the last two years I have developed a desire to work within NASCAR, so when I was approached about this opportunity, it was just natural for me to jump on board," Wehman said.

"It is much more challenging than I thought it would be, but we have a great group of students who are all brilliant and very hard workers. We spend a great deal of our week either working on the project or thinking about it, but when we're all together, we tend to have a lot of fun," Chamberlain said.

"The buzz on campus is unbelievable, and alumni, students and organizations have been asking what they can do to get involved. It has really developed into a sense of pride for the Clemson community as a whole," Wehman said.

CLEMSON TRADITION

MORE THAN JUST A RING

KATHERINE LALLA
NEWS EDITOR

The tradition of the Clemson University ring began in 1896. It creates a connection among students and alumni, as Clemson is among one of the few schools that proudly claim this tradition. The fall ring ceremony was held Oct. 8, in Littlejohn Coliseum, where approximately 900 seniors received their ring.

The ring that students now receive has changed over the years. A case displaying the ring styles from each year is located in the Alumni Center. The traditional Clemson "C" with the palmetto tree, South Carolina's state tree, flanked by the student's graduating year began in 1901.

"Clemson students are special because of our unconditional love for our school. We value our traditions and receiving our Clemson Ring signifies that we are one step closer to graduating. We are proud to call ourselves 'Clemson Tigers' and someday soon we will be proud to call ourselves Clemson Alumni. The ring symbolizes our loyalty to our school, this community and one another," Kathleen Brand, Director of Public Relations for the Student Alumni Council, said.

Balfour is the current provider for Clemson class rings. Since the switch to Balfour in 2011, Clemson moved from No. 7 to No. 4 in collegiate ring sales, behind schools such as the University of Texas and West Point. Clemson's tradition of a ceremony began in 2001 and eventually grew to be a large scale university event.

"I like wearing the same ring my dad wears. My parents both went here and it was always my dream to come here and get a ring like his. Now my twin sister and girlfriend both wear the same ring as my mom, and it's nice that the Clemson family and my own family really are connected," senior Business Management major Alex Craft said. Craft's parents graduated in 1979.



The tradition of the Clemson ring began in 1896.

"It was good to see all of my fellow Clemson seniors proudly receive their ring. Learning about the history of the ring makes wearing it that much cooler and me more proud to wear it," senior Political Science major Izzy Hernandez-Cruz said.

During the ceremony, Colonel Ben Skardon, Class of 1938, spoke about his experience in World War II: during the Bataan Death March, his Clemson ring saved his life when he was able to exchange it for food. President Barker spoke and presented each student with their ring.

"To be part of the ring ceremony I felt like I was part of Clemson's history. It was really moving to hear Colonel Skardon's story and listen to an alumni reflect on what the Clemson ring meant to him, to see people I've known since freshman year and celebrate with them," senior Communications major Hannah Bursleson said.

To qualify for a ring, Clemson students must have 90 hours and order their rings at the beginning of each semester during "Ring Week." Contact the Alumni Center for more information.



Approximately 900 Clemson students received their ring at the ceremony.

The science of regeneration

The quest to rebuild ourselves.

ARTHUR BRODSKY
STAFF WRITER

The ability to regenerate our bodies once seemed the stuff of fantasy, but scientists at Clemson are seeking to turn it into reality.

Over time our bodies break down. Bones degenerate, blood vessels clog and muscles atrophy. This harsh truth is what drives Dr. Dan Simionescu, an associate professor in Clemson's Bioengineering Department and the director of its Biocompatibility and Tissue Regeneration Laboratory (BTRL).

"Every day small portions of our tissues and cells actually regenerate ... mainly because we have adult stem cells," Simionescu said. As we age, some tissues lose these stem cells and cannot repair themselves.

Mechanical devices exist to replace some damaged tissues but not without drawbacks. This has prompted the BTRL to approach solutions from a different angle. Rather than substituting a device for a tissue, they want to help the body fix itself.

The BTRL's desire to understand tissue regeneration is more than a scholarly curiosity. Dr. Simionescu admits that he is "very excited about basic research, but only as long as this helps us to go into translational phases."

The opening of a new lab in the Greenville Hospital System at Patewood signifies their commitment to translating breakthroughs in the lab into treatments that will benefit patients and ensures that everything being done in the lab has clinical relevance. Ph.D. student George Fercana agrees, adding that the surgeons he works with provide feedback to guide his work from the lab bench to the hospital bedside.

In hospitals, failure of the cardiovascular system is a relevant issue. In fact, cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death in the world. The BTRL's projects cover the cardiovascular system amongst other tissues.

Much of their work targets patients with degenerating heart valves that calcify and malfunction. There are two current treatments that address this.

The first consists of implanting a replacement mechanical valve. These devices last the patient's lifetime, however, lifelong anti-coagulant therapy is required

to prevent blood clots. The second involves processing heart tissue from animals and implanting it into patients. These replacements, because they are made of dead tissue, calcify quickly and must be replaced every 15 to 20 years.

Several researchers, including Ph.D. student Mike Jaeggli, are looking to provide a third option — to replace the patient's own heart valve with a customized, tissue engineered replica. Jaeggli first uses imaging scans to determine the precise architecture of a patient's heart valve. Then the lab's high tech 3D printer can generate a structural scaffold that closely mimics the original.

The lab is now in the process of taking stem cells from patients and seeding them onto these scaffolds in order to reproduce the original valve. The hope is that this living tissue valve could then be implanted back into the patient where it would fully integrate with the patient's body, eliminating the need for future surgeries. This is especially crucial for pediatric patients who are still growing, and have no long-term treatments available to them.

As George Fercana puts it, "When you do tissue engineering, the goal is to create something that will remodel over time. With that being said, the ultimate investment would be a young child that needs something that will grow with them." Though Fercana works with vascular diseases and seeks to replace damaged blood vessels, his approach mirrors Jaeggli's.

This is not surprising as both presumably draw from Dr. Simionescu's integrated vision for his work.

With the support of the National Institutes of Health as well as state and university grants, his lab has also conducted extensive research on the orthopedic system. In addition, they recently began exploring brain tissue regeneration and plan to investigate skeletal muscle soon.

This wide scope of research under one roof will integrate students with diverse specialties and promote sharing of knowledge.

Above all though, Dr. Simionescu remains focused on the integration between the lab and the hospital. "Every time we come to work, we think about 'how can we do this so the patient benefits,' and that changes everything."



James Chow, a PhD student in Bioengineering, works in the Rhodes Lab.

Tigra Scientifica: Too Much Pep in This Spice?

A new dangerous synthetic drug plagues the nation's youth

HENRY WEST
STAFF WRITER

Do you enjoy severe anxiety attacks, heart arrhythmia and nausea? If the answer is yes then pep spice is the perfect pastime for you. Over the past couple of years, a new "legal" drug has made its way into the high school community. This isn't the "face-eating" bath salts, but a substitute for marijuana with which many high school students across the country are experimenting.

Like all substances of this nature, everyone is questioning its safety. According to physicians across the nation, it is certainly dangerous. Emergency rooms are seeing the increasing prevalence of claims of increased heart rates and severe anxiety attacks, all due to "herbal incense." This allegedly harmless substance is being sold in any tobacco store and has been causing controversy among concerned parents across the nation.

Pep spice was originally synthesized at our very own Clemson University and hit the shelves in the early 2000's

under the pseudonym of "herbal incense." Producers are getting by with selling this item by combining a variety of exotic herbs that are sprayed with a chemical synthetic cannabinoid (a substitute for marijuana). Since then, pep spice has reached the media as a high-risk substance that can cause paranoia, vomiting, mild hallucinations and seizures.

Reports of high school students being sent to the hospital after smoking "K2," the most popular brand of spice, began rapidly increasing in 2010 and immediately became a national affair. The Department of Poison Control stated that it saw an increase of reports go from merely 12 in 2009 to 2,000 in 2010. The numbers have continued to rise in the past two years, and the Drug Enforcement Agency is taking action. In the Midwest, state government officials have been seizing this product from mini-markets due to thousands of calls from parents who report that their children are experiencing anxiety attacks and heart palpitations.

If there are such adverse effects of smoking this item then why are kids

doing it? Since spice is a synthetic cannabinoid, it does not show up on drug tests. This is a common issue for football players dealing with the NCAA.

Players began using pep spice as a substitute for marijuana in the past years, but recently universities have mandated that smoking spice is against league rules. This decision gained national attention last month when LSU defensive back Tyrann Mathieu was released from the team for multiple violations of the no pep spice policy.

The organic professor that synthesized this product does not condone the use of this as a mind-altering substance.

John Huffman, the chemist who created spice at Clemson, said, "It should absolutely not be used as a recreational drug." Huffman has adamantly stated that the compound JWH-018, the active ingredient in spice, was not designed for recreational use, but as an insect repellent.

When weighing the pros and cons of this substance there is little



CALEB BAILEY/art director

Engineered at Clemson, Pep spice is a synthetic version of marijuana.

to debate. The ratio of pleasant experiences to unpleasant ones is very one-sided. The majority of users are

experiencing anxiety attacks and even prolonged effects such as migraines and heart issues.

Wind Farm will boost energy

The Strom Thurmond Institute works to create a report on the jobs that will be created with the development of a wind facility off the coast of South Carolina.

JARED MAUCH
STAFF WRITER

The Solid Green campaign to keep the campus clean is one way Clemson helps the environment. Another initiative is the composite of a report that suggests an off-shore wind farm could help the state gather energy and help the economy at the same time.

Over the past several months a group at Clemson University's Restoration Institute and Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs has been working on a report and survey prepared for the South Carolina Energy Office proposing the idea of an off-shore wind farm.

Robert Carey and Ellen Saltzman, who worked on the report, both work at the Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs. The report highlights that a wind farm off the coast could help not only with energy but also could help the economy of South Carolina, as the construction of such a project would require workers and goods that are made here in the state. The underwater cables for the wind farm would possibly be made from Prysmian in Abbeville County.

The survey portion of the project was to identify companies who could be in the South Carolina wind supply chain. "This wasn't a sample. We wanted to find everybody that we knew was in the wind supply chain. This could mean you're an engineering consultant, or you make power turbines, engines or blades," says Ellen Saltzman. The survey

identified 1,134 direct jobs involved with wind energy in some way.

"The biggest benefit is that the components of the wind farm and the people who work on the wind farm live in the state or that the components are produced by firms in the state and that would create economic spillover effects into the remainder of the state," Carey said. The survey by Saltzman also found that many of the firms were also considering hiring more employees to work on wind energy related products.

The wind farm would be big enough to produce 1,000 megawatts of electricity from the winds off-

shore. To generate that much power the wind farm would be about 200 windmills strong off the coast.

Whether South Carolina will be able to keep the tax credit for such a project is still an issue.

There is some resistance toward a project like this as people are concerned that the wind farm would damage the coastal scenery of South Carolina. "The windmills would be ten miles off shore. That means they would be pretty small from the coast," Carey said. He also mentioned a model windmill off the coast of Myrtle Beach displaying the size. South Carolina is a prime spot for a wind farm due to strong

winds off the coast as well as having a shallow shelf for miles into the ocean.

The shallow shelf would help with building costs since it is less expensive to build something in shallow water versus deeper water.

The biggest argument facing wind energy is that it is intermittent. It is not as reliable as coal because the wind speed and frequency fluctuates almost constantly. Carey points out that the wind farm would not stop the state from relying on coal and other forms of power, but that the farm would help reduce our dependence on those other forms of power.



The Wind Turbine Drivetrain Testing Facility is being constructed in North Charleston.

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encouraged to engage on social media all night through Twitter using the hashtag #RTJ, as well as Facebook and Foursquare. Contestants and winners will be chosen through social media, including the contestants for the grand prize of \$25,000," Lewis said.

Rock the John is the Clemson University variation on Midnight Madness. Every year in mid-October, the National Collegiate Athletic Association chooses a day to allow formal basketball practices.

The term Midnight Madness began when University of Maryland began holding practices at midnight on this day in 1971. Since then, schools have used this day for practice, celebrations and massive pep rallies. Similar such events are "Late Night with Roy" at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and "Late Night in the Phog" at Kansas University.

"Rock the John has grown each year, but the past few have had around 5,000 to 6,000 students," Lewis said. These attendees are not only basketball fans. "It really seems like a good time to go get pumped for the basketball season. I've heard that it's an awesome pep rally and my high school ones were never impressive, so I'm ready for my first college pep rally," freshman Will Brown said.

Tiger Band senior Mitchell Fanning has played in several of the pep rallies.

"As a band member it's been interesting to see the progression of Rock the John over the last three years. Every year we have a new set list but the energy is always the same. I even remember a year when they had a fireworks celebration at the rally," Fanning said.

Rock the John will be held on Friday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. at Littlejohn Coliseum.

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CLEMSON GOIN ALL PURPLE IN HONOR OF FORMER VETERAN AND CURRENT WIDE RECEIVER DANIEL RODRIGUEZ'S PURPLE HEART #REPRESENT

5th Annual Student Memorial 5K

On Oct. 21, Clemson's Fraternity and Sorority Life will host an event in memory of students who have passed.

ANDY BROWN

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Clemson Student Memorial 5K is an annual philanthropy event for Fraternity and Sorority Life. This year's run will mark the fourth annual event, beginning in 2009. The event will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21. The course will begin behind Cooper Library and end at the Greek Quad.

The Student Memorial 5K was originally created in effort to recognize and commemorate the students who have passed away during their time at Clemson University. Christina Wellhouser, the Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life, hopes the event will motivate the community to aid in donating for the Student Memorial Project. "Initially four years ago, our fraternity and sorority council presidents decided that they needed to host an event to remember and honor students that passed before they could finish their time at Clemson and there was not a place on campus where students could go to remember their peers. This race raises money to create that space and to honor the memory of those students. The five fraternity and sorority council presidents plan this, but it is open to all students and community

members to remember our fallen tigers; regardless if they are affiliated with a fraternal organization. We hope the community will join us in running, walking and jogging to remember," Wellhouser said.

The Student Memorial Project got its first support from Ward Buzzell, a 1953 architecture graduate. In 1996, he came up with the idea of building a nondenominational chapel on Clemson's campus, and in 2007 the idea was finally realized. The student body president at the time, Josh Bell, raised \$170,000 for the newly created Student Chapel and Memorial Garden Committee after he found that there was not an appropriate place to hold memorial services on campus.

In 2008, President Barker appointed a committee for the project and commissioned the Boudreaux Architects firm of Columbia to survey the site. Since that time, the Student Chapel and Memorial Garden Committee has undertaken the task of raising \$3 million for the project.

Last year, the Clemson Student Memorial 5K brought in \$11,100 to the project's funds. In total, the last three races have raised a total of over \$24,000.

"I think the nondenominational chapel will be a welcome addition

to campus. It's a great way to honor and remember our peers that have passed before their time, and I think it will mean a lot to their family and friends to have a place where they can come in memoriam," student Melinda Boggs said.

The new structure will provide a place for students to reflect. "I would like to see the chapel built in a quiet place on campus where students and families will feel comfortable. They should be able to go while not being distracted or disturbed when spending time there," Emily Thompson said.

This year's run will feature an event to coincide with the start of the race at the Greek Quad that will have food and entertainment. "This is a free event with music, fellowship and most importantly, a time to remember the lost student tigers we are running for. BBQ plates will be provided with a pre-purchased \$8 ticket sold through Fraternity and Sorority Life, and extra race T-shirts will be sold. This is also an opportunity for non-runners to participate and help support our cause!" Wellhouser said.

All proceeds will be donated to the Student Memorial Project. To register and for more information visit, http://calendar.clemson.edu/event/staff_senate_spring_for_success#.UH7MHcWZauI.

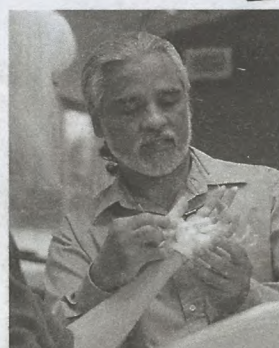
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POLITICAL WATCH – ABORTION

Clemson students keep an eye on the current political candidates.

OBAMA



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Stances on abortion are usually categorized in one of two ways: either pro-abortion rights, meaning one supports a woman's rights to get an abortion, or anti-abortion rights, meaning one recognizes the right of the unborn to live. There is also a divide on this issue as to whether or not it is a state's rights issue or should be decided by the federal government. As of now, the Supreme Court's pro-abortion decision in *Roe v. Wade*, a case from 1973, makes abortion a federal issue.

President Obama firmly stands in agreement with the decision rendered in *Roe v. Wade*, which found it to be a constitutional right for a woman to have an abortion. This support is extended to third-trimester or late-term abortions. It is difficult to gauge the President's support for partial birth abortion as he has sidestepped the issue; however, the DNC platform supports partial-birth abortion.

The President's support for *Roe v. Wade* is on the basis that the US government should not intrude into matters such as abortion, which he claims, should be decided within a family. Therefore, he

is also in favor of parental notification prior to an abortion so that minors have a conversation with their families prior to making this decision.

The issue of abortion is also significant to Obamacare, which mandates certain coverage by employers including contraception.

This became an issue when the Catholic Church, who claimed that the requirement to supply contraception, which the Catholic Church equates to abortion, is a violation of religious protections provided by the constitution. As a result, President Obama reversed his decision requiring employers to supply contraception and instead requires the insurance companies to not in instances where there is religious objection.

If reelected, President Obama will ensure that the *Roe v. Wade* decision is honored and that states respect what this position believes is a woman's right to an abortion.

He will continue federal support of Planned Parenthood which provides contraception and performs abortions. Also, he will fight states which aim to inhibit the abilities of women to receive abortions by mandating extra examinations.

ROMNEY



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Abortion is one of the most divisive issues facing the American electorate this November. A Gallup poll from Sept. 27 showed a statistical tie (47 percent-46 percent, 3 percent sampling error) between American adults who identify as pro-abortion rights and those who identify as anti-abortion rights. The topic of abortion is especially important to the Republican Party, as it has a significant number of evangelical members. This week, I will be taking a look at GOP nominee Mitt Romney's views on this slippery subject.

An unavoidable fact that has troubled conservatives and delighted liberals is that, once upon a time, Mitt Romney supported pro-abortion rights policies. In a 1994 senatorial debate against Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), Romney said, "I believe that abortion should be safe and legal in this country." He reaffirmed this position when running for governor of Massachusetts in 2002, saying that he would "protect a woman's right to choose under the laws of the country and the commonwealth." However, he did note, "On a personal basis, I don't favor abortion." Liberals have pointed to these comments to label Romney as a flip-flopper in light of his current anti-abortion rights stance. The governor, rather than shying away from such attacks, has acknowledged that he changed his mind. As he said in the 2007 interview with *Meet the Press*, "I didn't hide from that change of heart."

Despite his earlier views, Governor Romney staunchly and definitively opposes

abortion. He sees it as a moral trespass, and a statement on his campaign website says "more than a million abortions a year cannot be squared with the good heart of America." He believes that life begins at conception and that "taking innocent life is always wrong and always tragic, wherever it happens." If elected president, he would nominate Supreme Court justices who view the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling as unconstitutional. Rather than facing a sweeping mandate from unelected judges, Gov. Romney believes that the American people should, through their elected representatives, make decisions concerning abortion on a state-by-state basis.

The governor holds that the federal government should play no role regarding abortion. In addition to his leave-it-to-the-states approach, he also proposes cutting taxpayer funding of abortion-related organizations, such as Planned Parenthood. The independent Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that Planned Parenthood receives approximately \$360 million annually in federal assistance. Accomplishing this goal is consistent with Mitt Romney's overall message on abortion: "Americans have a moral duty to uphold the sanctity of life and protect the weakest, most vulnerable and most innocent among us."

Voters are faced with a clear choice on abortion this election — to support a woman's right to choose or an unborn child's right to live. Abortion is always a political powder keg, but this year it may play a larger role. If the presidential election is as close as predicted a single issue could swing the presidency to either side, and abortion could be that issue.

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I was commissioned after only four semesters, so I also felt that I should have delayed my commissioning until after at least another six semesters to provide for broader leadership training," Colonel Jeffrey Nelson said.

Captain Terry Hildebrand, who is now a Pilot in the Aviation Branch of the United States Army, said, "As I continued with ROTC at Clemson, it definitely paved the way for the career I have today."

Major Albert Courie was not involved with ROTC, but after receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degree at Clemson, became a JAG (Judge Advocate General) officer and is now stationed in Afghanistan. "Because I was not involved in ROTC and had no plans to enter the Army while I was at Clemson, my time at Clemson did not prepare me physically for the Army. However, as a history major, I do feel that I learned a lot about history, especially military history, which gave me a very good appreciation of the importance of military history," Major Courie said.

Major Courie's grandfather was a 1937 graduate of Clemson and served in World War II in Europe. He "grew up in a Clemson family and was always aware of Clemson's military heritage," Major Courie said.

"ROTC and the Clemson Ranger Club had some of the biggest impacts early on in my life. I cherish those memories and look forward to coming back and visiting this year when I attend the Clemson vs. Carolina football game," Captain Hildebrand said.

The game against Virginia Tech will kickoff at noon on Sat., Oct. 20. Military equipment will be on display on Bowman Field before the game. Before kickoff, F15 E-models from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base located in North Carolina will fly over the stadium. Major Rudolf Anderson, class of 1948, was a pilot in the United States Air Force and was the only person killed by enemy fire during the Cuban Missile Crisis when his U-2 reconnaissance aircraft was shot down over Cuba in 1962. Oct. 27 will be the 50th anniversary of his death. He will be recognized during half time.



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Smoking Ban

Is it hazardous to our rights or health?

Recently, Clemson University has taken strides in establishing a tobacco task force to eliminate smoking on Clemson's campus. This initiative has stark implications for the tobacco smokers and chewers at Clemson, who are currently restricted from smoking within the dorms or university buildings. Although the task force is not an effort to immediately ban campus-wide smoking, it does have greater future implications, not only for the students who nightly populate the Library Bridge main stairs, but the university as a whole.

At the Tiger, we feel that this task force will negatively impact our university. Yes, we realize that smoking is bad for one's health and can increase the risk of lung cancer, whether by direct inhalation or secondhand smoke. However, we also realize that the decision to smoke or chew tobacco is a personal one, thus autonomous and voluntary. It is not up to university regulations to police the personal health decisions of its students. Most smokers realize the inherent dangers that accompany their ongoing habit.

With the university's implementation of the tobacco task force, they aim to increase the health of their student body. Are they planning to reform current smokers? Are they requiring prospective students to be non-smokers? Does this initiative truly fool the university into thinking that student health will be vastly improved? Smokers will not quit because of a simple university legislative act. The choice to smoke is personal. Furthermore, the university is limiting its incoming classes to non-smokers.

Those who do smoke will surely resist enrolling in a tobacco-free university. At the risk of generalizing, the university may be losing out on a great selection of students who will decline acceptance at Clemson due to their personal health choices.

Furthermore, students have few qualms with the current tobacco regulations. You will rarely find the student body complaining about the smokers who typically adhere to the university smoking policy. Smokers are a minority on-campus. Not only does this group represent a small population of university students, but they also typically respect the regulations set forth by current university legislation. Thus, non-smokers are unbothered by the fumes emitted by their smoking counterparts.

The university's use of a tobacco task force may eliminate public smoking on-campus, but it will only induce illegal smoking within university buildings. If Clemson eliminates the legality of on-campus smoking, students will revert to illegal means of accomplishing the same thing. Smoking is a mental dependency, and those devoid of their rights will find other means to fulfill their needs.

Is this opinion rampant with hypocrisy? Students cry for healthier food in the dining halls, yet oppose a university-mandated smoking ban for their health. The difference in the debate lies in the options associated with each issue. In the dining halls, students simply require the option to be healthy. They are already provided selections that diminish health (i.e. pizza and French fries

as daily dining hall offerings). In the case of the cigarette ban, students will be given only one choice: not to smoke on-campus. The option remains to smoke off-campus, but how many residents and employees will be willing to obtain and drive their cars to the campus boundary just to smoke their obligatory cigarette?

Interestingly, the university may comprise the hypocritical aspect of this debate. Clemson University simultaneously prohibits and sponsors the tobacco business. According to Clemson's Cooperative Extension website, "Research and education efforts are focused primarily on efficient, cost effective and environmentally sound production, management and curing practices as well as greenhouse production of tobacco transplants." Is an institution that facilitates tobacco growth the authority on its students' use of its product?

With the banishment of tobacco from campus come consequences to the university. Although there are positive effects of the tobacco ban, the negative side of this issue far outweighs them. Clemson University and its tobacco enforcers should consider these implications if they choose to carry out the impending tobacco-free initiative. Perhaps a revision of the current policy would be better suited for a university that strives for excellence within the collegiate sphere.

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How do you feel about the university's goal to ban the use of tobacco on campus?

Anna Simmons

MARKETING
Junior



"As a non-smoker, I don't think it's fair to ban something that's already legal for people our age."

Chelsea Eason

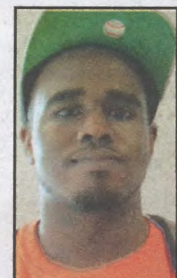
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Junior



"While I think it may be unfair, I think it's a decision that needs to be made by the Clemson community."

Sheldon Ford

COMPUTER ENGINEERING
Junior



"It's great, because smoking causes cancer, and cancer kills."

Samira Jackson

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Sophomore



"I support it because when I'm going to class, it's annoying to have big puffs of smoke in my face. We could have smoking locations throughout campus though."

John Moyer

SECONDARY EDUCATION
Senior



"It's not their business, because it's legal. Smoking in a building or near one is bad. I do support the university's attempt to make their students and faculty healthier."



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The Good, the Creepy and the Reddit

ELLEN MENY

Columnist



As everyone knows, the Internet is a magical and kind land where people of all types converge to form a perfect union. Just kidding. The Internet is actually an insidious cesspool where people of all neuroses converge to form a wriggling mass of filth. I have come to this conclusion thanks to a recent incident revolving around the website Reddit and one of its sub-pages. It's a twisting tale of secrecy, censorship and pornography — clearly a story that many a Clemson student would enjoy.

Advertising itself as the “front page of the Internet,” Reddit is a social news website that allows users to post content and have said posts voted on by other users. As a whole, Reddit moderators are intensely supportive of Internet privacy and freedom. Different Reddit boards cater to many different interests — for instance, Clemson has a Reddit page, or “subreddit,” at r/Clemson. Reddit is a generally innocuous meme-factory that delights many Internet dwellers, including myself. It is a healthy collection of relatively routine Internet shenanigans. President Obama even made

an appearance on the site, answering questions fielded by people whose deepest concerns were “boxers or briefs?”

However, President Obama probably did not move past the surface layer of the website. Venture deeper into the underbelly of Reddit and one will find slightly different offerings than r/music or r/cats, or even r/poop (another alarmingly popular board.) Perhaps the most famous of all fringe subreddits is the charmingly named r/spacedicks, a collection of photos depicting anything from murders to child pornography. It is the part of the Internet that your parents told you not to go on. (Unless your parents are embodiments of Cthulhu. Then they're probably cool with it.)

Another subreddit in this category is r/creepshots. This subreddit involves photos of unaware women, some of them arguably under 18, with captions such as, “hot senior girl in one of my classes” — a substitute teacher posted this one, mind you. The photographs take place everywhere — in the subway, on the street, in your friendly local drug clinic; the usual places. The women have no idea that they are being photographed, or that said photos are being uploaded to a page where the motto is, “When you are in public, you do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy. We kindly ask women to

respect our right to admire your bodies and stop complaining.”

Here's an interesting thought — when you are in public, you do not have a reasonable expectation of freedom from pain. If you point a camera at me in public with the intent of taking a r/creepshots photo without me knowing, I kindly ask you to respect my right to crane kick you in the face.

While I in no way advocate violence in any matter, I find the cult of r/creepshots to be something akin to what I find in my fridge if I haven't cleaned it out in two years. r/spacedicks might be the Johnstone of the Internet, but r/creepshots is the fraternity that roofies freshman women. To add insult to the entire situation, when sites such as Gawker began fighting back against r/creepshots by posting the real names of users, Reddit debated banning all Gawker links. I want to be completely clear in this matter, so I'm going to write very slowly for you — Reddit did nothing about people taking unwanted photos of women and posting them to the Internet under lewd headlines. They did something when the people taking the unwanted photos had their real names released.

Yes, indignant r/creepshots defender, I know taking random photos of women in public is technically legal. So is picking your nose, or wearing an all-jean outfit.

Does that mean people do it? (Yes, but they are considered the modern-day lepers of society and generally disliked by everyone.) That, however, is not the point. I understand that I don't have a reasonable expectation of privacy. I learned that when I was fifteen years old and a Neanderthal, who somehow learned to drive a car, started catcalling at me. At that time, I was sporting caterpillar eyebrows, so even ungroomed tweenagers don't have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

It makes me sick to see the advent of disrespect that is r/creepshots. Although I, like many Reddit users, am a supporter of Internet privacy and freedom, I relish whenever Gawker publishes another r/creepshots name. I find that an uninvited revealing of a legal name is a delicious form of revenge for uninvited photographs. I have a favorite quote that I've mentioned occasionally in my articles — “with great power comes great responsibility.”

In an era where we all wield cameras, we must learn that, like Spider Man, with great power comes great responsibility. Don't pick your nose in public. Don't wear all-jean outfits. Don't be a r/creepshots gremlin.

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Everyone keeps saying “Obama!” or “Romney!” and I am saying “Alcohol 2012!”

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Why is it called a lab if it's a three hour lecture?

Paws up,

Beekeepers in France found their bees producing colored honey, such as brown, blue and green. The color change is due to bees feeding on sweet candies like M&M's instead of nectar from flowers.

After being shot in the face, a 37-year-old man received a face transplant surgery totaling 36 hours. He is now able to smell, taste, communicate and eat.

A Florida couple caused a commotion at an outdoor restaurant where they allegedly had sex on top of a table. The man was charged with fighting with a manager and refusing to pay his bill, yet neither will face sex-related charges. No witnesses would write a statement.



Denmark is having a contest for the smallest penis. The winner receives an iPhone, while the runners up get iPads.

A man from Sydney, Australia is on an 18,000 mile run. He has currently reached his halfway mark in New Jersey.

Paws down

A California woman has recently gone public with her love of breast feeding her dog. She claims the close bond makes her feel like a better and more complete mother.

A giant blue eyeball was found on a Florida shore a few weeks ago. It has just been determined that it belongs to a swordfish weighing approximately 1,100 pounds. It was most likely cut out by a fisherman and tossed overboard.

A brother and sister tried to steal a TV from a bathroom in a bar in Massachusetts. When questioned they claimed they were at home having sex. Incest has a 20-year prison sentence in Mass.

A Florida woman was arrested after calling 911 six times to inquire about the tasty bologna sandwiches in her local jail complex. She was arrested and is facing six felony counts and is getting to enjoy those sandwiches again.

Japanese women are starting a new trend by wearing adult diapers. It allows them to focus on the task at hand and not stop for “bathroom breaks.”



Paws Meh

Clemson's Tobacco Ban

JOHN PAUL CASSIL

Columnist



There are many reasons why a tobacco-free policy is a bad idea at Clemson University.

"Clemson University has established a task force ... to make its campus tobacco free within two years. The task force will research the impact of a tobacco-free campus, define the specifics of a tobacco-free campus policy and plan its implementation. The new policy would prohibit tobacco in all areas of the campus and other property owned by the university, both indoors and out," according to a Clemson University press release.

"Clemson's current policy prohibits smoking within any university-owned or leased buildings, including residence halls." Those who choose to use tobacco outside may do so only at the specified distance away from each building according to signage.

When was the last time that you walked past someone at Clemson that was smoking and was upset by it? Were they following the rules? From time to time, you will find smokers disobeying the rules and smoking near a building like Johnstone Hall. In comparison to the amount of tobacco users that do so in a responsible way, this is a small fraction of a minority on campus. Most responsible users find a place out of sight and mind to smoke, like the cemetery (That's why you don't see them as often).

As Clemson student David Furtick recently stated, "Until this announcement, I had not

heard a single complaint about Clemson's tobacco policy. Now there seems to be a huge crop of people who are fit to rage against the desperate world we so suddenly inhabit, in which a walk across the library bridge is cause [for] lung cancer."

Is it right to punish everyone for the actions of a few by implementing a draconian tobacco-free policy? Here the problem lies not with tobacco use, but with proper laws and law enforcement. If this is a big problem to some, then the police should do a better job enforcing the rules. Better yet, they should outline specific designated smoking areas so that people would know exactly where they should smoke. Clemson should clearly designate areas removed from large groups of people for smoking purposes.

These new changes would require Clemson employees and off-campus students to get in their car, drive off campus or go home to smoke on each and every smoke break. Because of the "tobacco-free" rule, which is not a smoking ban, possession on campus would be unlawful, and users would have no place to store their tobacco. On-campus students would not be able to smoke at all unless they have off-campus transportation to do so. They would not be able to own any tobacco either, because they could not store it in their apartment, dorm or car.

A tobacco-free campus would affect everyone, not just smokers. For example, it would place a larger burden on smokers than most people realize. Who would want to walk all the way downtown for a quick smoke, especially in bad weather? This new policy makes people more likely to violate currently existing protocol. Students will

just start smoking in dorms again. That means that everyone else will be affected.

Clemson is jumping on a bandwagon of restricting student rights. We wish to maintain our liberty to smoke cigars, cigarettes and hookah in peace and in private. I am not a smoker, but I wish to keep my legal ability to make my own choices about my health.

The only reason Clemson is offering to institute this new change is to bolster its students' health. What will they do next? They could ban other "unhealthy" things like chewing gum, Coca-Cola or Pizza. Some people are obnoxious and disturb others with their chewing gum. Eating pizza or drinking Coke isn't necessarily healthy for you. Diabetes is right behind smoking in terms of death per year. Will Clemson now ban pizza on campus? There is actually a higher death rate for driving than there is for smoking. Should we ban driving on campus because it could be dangerous to your health and pedestrians' health? No. We prefer Clemson not restrict our choices in vain attempts at making us "healthier."

This new policy is pure authoritarianism. We are not in high school anymore. We are adults and we expect to be treated as such. This proposed hypocritical policy from a school that grows tobacco goes overboard in limiting our freedoms.

Most students agree that making Clemson a Tobacco-Free Campus is a bad idea. Consequently, almost 300 of us have signed a petition to President Barker and Clemson's Board of Trustees so far. Help us, and sign the petition at tinyurl.com/clemsonpetition.

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I'mma let you finish, but ...

ANDY BURNS

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Did anybody else watch last Tuesday's verbal playground spat, um, I mean, presidential debate? It was ugly. I wasn't old enough to vote during the last presidential election, so this election season is my first introduction into the world of politics. What should be an exciting time for me and other first-time voters has turned into an ugly fight of name-calling, insults and bad behavior on the part of the presidential candidates.

Unofficial transcript from last Tuesday's debate:

Candidate 1: Well, what you just said was offensive and a lie.

Candidate 2: Well you're misleading the American public.

Candidate 1: I don't like you or your party.

Moderator: Please, gentlemen, we have to move to the next topic.

Candidate 2: You and your party are stupid.

Candidate 1: I'm going to continue to speak over you.

Candidate 2: I hate you forever.

Candidate 1: You're dead to me.

Moderator: Both of you need a timeout.

Although the aforementioned dialogue may be somewhat dramatized, the feeling behind the debate was seriously this childish and disrespectful. Just about everything happened except Obama and Romney slugging each other. I've never seen such a debacle. Both candidates refused to answer the questions posed to them and continued to bash the opponent at every opportunity. The point of a debate is to argue your point of view. This debate was all about debating the other person's character. It felt like the candidates responded to every question with, "That's a great and important question. (Now let me say what I really wanted to say)."

Now I'm sure there were some wild 19th century presidential debates that were much more out of hand, but as a first time voter, this debate left a bitter taste in my mouth about the whole election process. This election has dragged on and gotten worse. Are these really the two best candidates for the job? Out of every eligible person, Obama and Romney are whom we get to choose between? Right now, I cannot in good conscience vote for either one. I honestly do not know whom I'm going to vote for. Having the right to vote is such a great privilege that we seem to take

advantage of. Very few people have the rights that we do, and so it's our responsibility not to waste this opportunity. I just wish it did not feel like choosing between the lesser of two evils. I wish we could vote for a candidate we actually want rather than voting against the two we don't.

I recently visited the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, La. I read the stories of how our country united for a common cause. Everyone pitched in to get something done. Their stories were stirring, and I felt so much pride for my country. What happened? Enough with the Republicans and Democrats' hissy fit. Where are the Americans? People who love the United States and want our country to improve? I was even disgusted with the crowd in the debate. When one candidate was caught in a lie, the crowd cheered. They took pleasure in the playground fight that was unfolding.

Maybe this is just how politics has been and always will be. But for our country's sake, I sincerely hope not. Both Obama and Romney need to shape up and start acting like adults, otherwise I might as well just watch Rugrats. Oh, and one more thing, binders full of women? Don't even get me started.

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STICKS & STONES

AARON RANSDELL
assistant sports editor

Clemson University and the University of South Carolina have one of the most heated rivalries in college football. The players know it, the fans know it and now it looks like the head coaches know it too.

Despite the overall record of the series erring in Clemson's favor (65-40-4), the game always brings friends and families closer while concurrently dividing them. Under the reigns of Coach Dabo Swinney, Clemson's rivalry record is an abysmal 1-3 with the sole win from Dabo's interim head coach position.

One thing that keeps the rivalry going is the smack talk that goes on between the two teams and their fans. For example, Tajh Boyd was accused of playing down to the South Carolina defensive line on twitter once, and it became bulletin board material for the Gamecocks.

Following Clemson's loss to South Carolina, Dabo Swinney caught wind of a quote that Gamecock Head Coach Steve Spurrier was heard saying: "We may not be LSU or Alabama, but we ain't Clemson, folks."

That quote did not rub Swinney the right way and he fired back with close to a four-minute rant filled with statistics, emotion and logic.

"They ain't Alabama. They ain't LSU. And they're certainly not Clemson. That's why Carolina's in Chapel Hill; and USC's in California and the university in this state always has been, always will be, Clemson."

This year however, Spurrier took the opportunity to offer another verbal jab to the Tigers: he claimed that South Carolina's current players have never played in "Death Valley" (in reference to LSU). This is Spurrier's way of saying that LSU is the real Death Valley, and Clemson doesn't deserve the name.

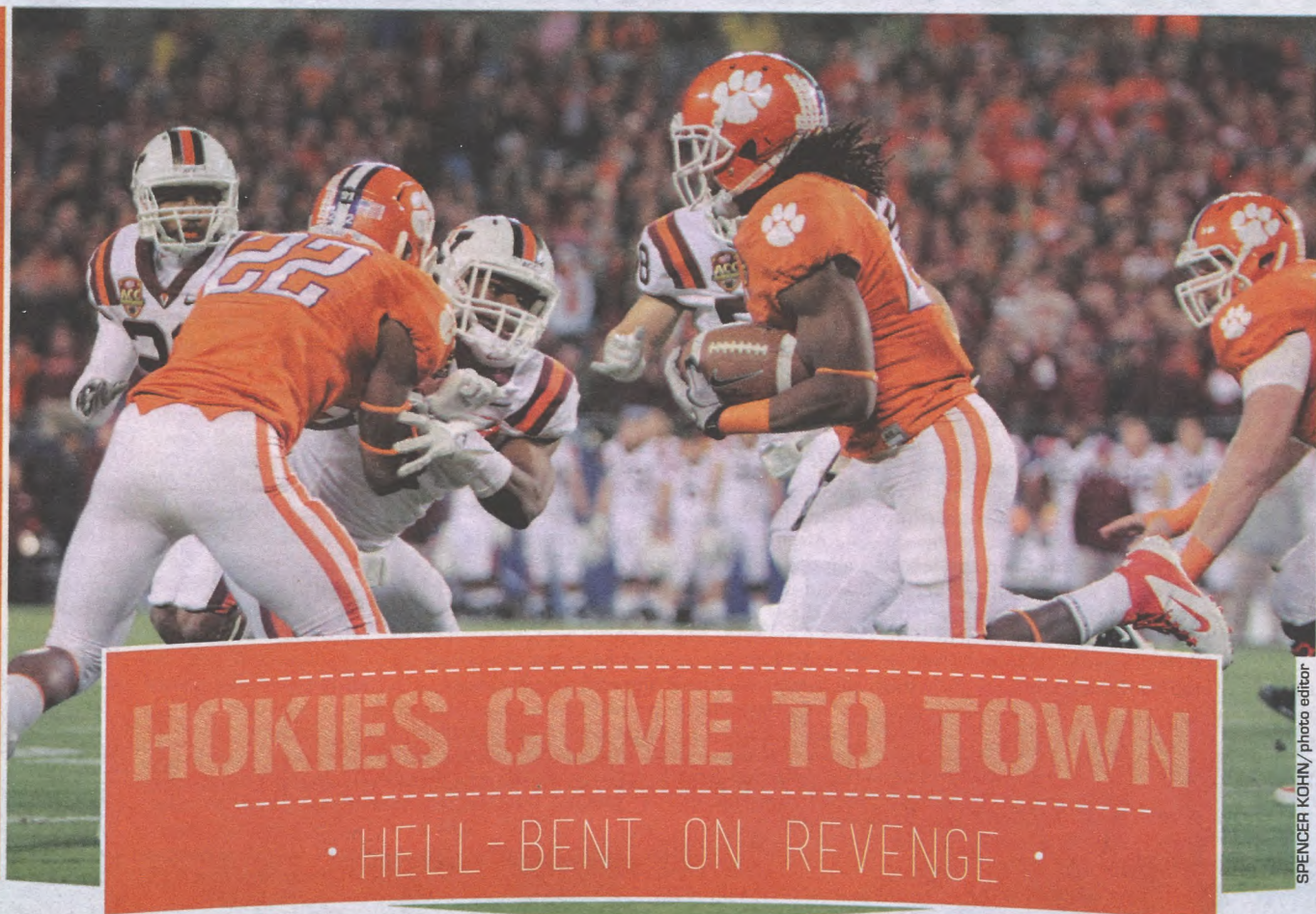
Of course, Swinney was quick to respond.

"Our guys have never been to USC. California is a long way from here. I can see where there might be a little confusion there — two Death Valleys and two USC's, but there is only one real one. That is classic Spurrier. When he is winning, you can say anything you want. He is one of the best. He has had more lines than anyone probably will."

Dabo's observation was correct: Spurrier does not hold back when it comes to speaking his mind. Earlier this season, he plainly stated that he wanted to play the University of Georgia later in the season, because they always have a few players arrested by mid-season.

Both coaches are within their rights to speak their minds, but so far,

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STAFF WRITER

The Virginia Tech Hokies and the Clemson Tigers face off this weekend in Death Valley at noon for Military Appreciation Day, in what will be a very emotional game for both teams.

War hero and Clemson wide receiver Daniel Rodriguez will carry the American flag while leading the team down the Hill.

Rodriguez will not only lead the team in one of college football's most storied pre-game rituals, he will also serve as honorary captain against the team he grew up rooting for.

Virginia Tech will be looking for some serious payback on Saturday after being man-handled twice last season to the Tigers, at home and in the ACC championship. This year, Virginia Tech has not played like the team who secured three of the last five ACC championships. They face the Tigers on Saturday with losses to Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and North Carolina.

The Hokies will come into Death Valley flying high after an impressive second half against Duke where they outscored the Blue Devils 41-0 after a 20-point deficit late in the first quarter. Logan Thomas led the way with 256 yards and two touchdowns through the air, while freshman running back J.C. Coleman had a breakout game with 183 yards and two touchdowns.

The Hokies put together by far their most impressive showing this year against the Blue Devils, showing flashes of the dominant defenses we are used to seeing under longtime Defensive Coordinator Bud Foster.

Head Coach Dabo Swinney took notice. "I thought they physically took the game over, they made plays and just put it together as a team, and it was a very impressive comeback," Swinney said.

Virginia Tech will be without a key offensive lineman; starting Center Andrew Miller will miss the rest of the season after suffering an ankle injury on Saturday. This could be a huge injury for this

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"ROCK THE JOHN, DON'T TIP THE JOHN, BABY"

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STAFF WRITER

Here at Clemson, it can be hard to think of little else than football, especially in the midst of our season. But here in Clemson, no one forgets about Rock the John, which kicks off the Clemson men's and women's basketball seasons.

It's Clemson's version of midnight madness and is an exciting way to get both players and fans hyped for the upcoming basketball seasons, while also giving the fans an opportunity to see and meet student athletes from the program. It gives the fans an opportunity to be introduced to new and returning players and the head men's basketball coach Brad Brownell and head women's basketball coach Ito Coleman who are both going into their third seasons as head coaches.

Both teams will feature young, yet talented, players on their rosters. The men's team features only two upperclassmen in seniors Milton Jennings and Devon Booker, both of whom were recruited before Brownell arrived in Clemson. The Tigers are losing their two leaders from last year in Tanner Smith, and Andre Young, meaning Booker and Jennings are going to be expected to step up to give their younger teammates direction.

Brownell has seven sophomores coming into this season. Fellow forwards K.J. McDaniels and Bernard Sullivan are expected to see a lot of court time this year as they both ended the season as some of the team's top contributors.

Brownell has four sophomore guards returning: T.J. Sapp, Carson Fields, Rod Hall and Devin Coleman, who is injured coming into the season and is likely out for the year. Brownell expressed high expectations for his sophomores to step in and make an even bigger impact as they make up the majority of the team.

The men's team also has six new comers to the team, five freshmen and one transfer from BYU, sophomore Damarcus Harrison. Harrison was granted a transfer and is eligible to play this upcoming year. Other freshmen include 6'10" center Landry Nnoko, officially the teams tallest player on the roster. Nnoko's fellow freshmen are two guards, Adonis Filer and Jordan Roper, and two forwards, Jaron Blossomgame and Josh Smith. Blossomgame is unlikely to start the season, as he is also on the injury list.

The Clemson men were picked to finish eighth by various ACC media and coaches and will look to out play expectations as they usually do.

The women's team is composed of primarily freshmen and sophomores but are in no shortage of talent. With top recruiting classes coming in, the women's team is rising. Coach Coleman signed three four-star players and one five-star player, Jonquel Jones.

Other freshmen include Danaejah Grant, Nyliah

Jamison-Myers, Aisha Turner and Aneesah Daniels. The freshmen class was ranked No. 16 nationally by ESPN, meaning this class will have high expectations.

Six sophomores return to Coleman's roster, most of them guards or wing players. Nikki Dixon, Natiece Ford, Kelly Gramlich, Deja Hawkins, Chelsea Lindsay and Charmaine Tay represent the second year players.

There are only two juniors on the team, Chancie Dunn and Quinyotta Pettaway. There are no seniors, so these two players are going to be sought out to set an example for what coach Coleman expects out of the team.

The important part of these two teams is their youth, and it is promising to have two talented basketball teams with growing room for multiple years. Rock the John is going to be the first look at the freshmen on both squads since their high school years.

The highlights of the event include the entertaining and exciting introductions of the players and coaches, the brief scrimmage from the Men's team, and the signing of autographs at the conclusion of the events.

Rock the John also features promotions such as big prizes, skill competitions between the players and fans. This event, held every year to kick off basketball season, is a great atmosphere for friends and family alike.

And best of all, the event is free admission for all attending.

SCORES

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Saturday, 10/12
Clemson 0 - UNC 4
Clemson, S.C.

VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, 10/13
Clemson 3 - Wake Forest 0
Winston-Salem, N.C.

MEN'S SOCCER
Tuesday, 10/16
Clemson 5 - Gard. Webb 0
Clemson, S.C.

UPCOMING

MEN'S SOCCER
Friday, 10/19
vs. San Diego St. 6 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

VOLLEYBALL
Friday, 10/19
vs. Miami (Fla.), 6 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

FOOTBALL
Saturday, 10/19
vs. Virginia Tech, noon
Clemson, S.C.

TIGERS KILL TECH'S BUZZ WITH LATE RALLY

ROBBIE TINSLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

When Tajh Boyd took the snap with 10:37 remaining in the fourth quarter, the Clemson Tigers were down 31-30 against Georgia Tech. The Tigers were driving, but the result was still largely in the balance.

After Spencer Shuey tackled Georgia Tech running back Orwin Smith in the end zone for a safety, Clemson had scored 10 points in 18 seconds of game time and were on their way to a 47-31 win and a 5-1 start.

"This was a huge win," Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney said. "It was a momentum win. It was a complete game, and we won every quarter, especially the fourth quarter. The second half was a thing of beauty. I'm proud of the team, and they keep improving every week."

Boyd overcame a rough first half to throw for 397 yards, a career-high, and two touchdowns through the air, adding one on the ground. The receptor of both those touchdowns was DeAndre Hopkins, who continued his stellar first half with seven catches for 173 yards.

Georgia Tech made the game's first mistake as head coach Paul Johnson went for it on fourth down on their opening drive at their own 37-yardline. Needing only a yard, quarterback Tevin Washington couldn't get that as the Jack-

ets turned it over on downs. Eight plays later, Boyd dove into the endzone for his second rushing touchdown of the year.

The Yellow Jackets responded immediately with a four play touchdown drive and set the stage for a first half that featured only one more punt. The only mistakes were a three-and-out by the Jackets in the early second quarter, two Clemson drives that got inside the 10 that ended in field goals and a missed 45-yard field goal at the end of the half by Tech kicker David Scully.

When the dust settled, Clemson entered the locker room and were up 27-21.

After Washington scored on a keeper on the first drive of the second half, Georgia Tech blew a huge chance to start a runaway. A blown screen play lead to an interception of Tajh Boyd by defensive lineman Shawn Green, setting up the Jackets at the Clemson 26. However, facing another fourth-and-one, this time from the seven, Washington fumbled the snap and it was recovered by Clemson defensive tackle Grady Jarrett.

Clemson drove the length of the field with aims of making it a 14-point swing but had to settle for yet another Catanzaro field goal, this time from only 21 yards. A 30-28 lead quickly swung back to Tech with a field goal of their own to set the stage for Clemson's fourth quarter dominance.

Down 31-30, the Tigers had driven down to the 35-yard line of Georgia Tech. On the first down play, Boyd faked the in-route to Hopkins, who cut upfield behind the defense. The ball was slightly underthrown, but "Nuk" climbed the ladder for his second touchdown of the day.

Up by five, the natural call was for the Tigers to go for two, but that's where the normalcy ends. Lined up in the pistol, Boyd acted as if he was barking orders at the offensive line when the center snapped the ball to Andre Ellington. The running back ran left and pitched the ball to Hopkins, who took a step and lofted a pass to Boyd for the two points.

"That was great! I know all the guys were excited to finally use it in a game," Swinney said. "We have been practicing that play waiting for the right opportunity to use it. Today happened to be that day."

After the Georgia Tech returner Chris Milton slipped and fell at the one, Washington nearly hand-delivered a touchdown to Clemson when he threw a pass right into the stomach of Corey Crawford. On the next play, he pitched to Smith, but the running back was swallowed up before he could exit the end zone by Shuey.

"We have been preparing for that play all week," Shuey said. "And once I saw the kickoff team pin them down on the one, I knew they had a pretty good chance to run the ball. I just

got a good read, and got a good jump on the ball and was able to make a play."

Georgia Tech had a chance to get back into the game after another Boyd interception, but their drive stalled and a Scully kick was blocked by Clemson defensive lineman Josh Watson.

"If they had had a fake on, they would have got it," Swinney said. "We really gambled and brought everybody thinking they've got to kick it, they've got to get this field goal."

For the final nail in the coffin, Clemson went 80 yards in 13 plays to drain five-and-a-half minutes off the clock, climaxing in Roderick McDowell's second touchdown of the day with under a minute to play. The touchdown brought the Tigers' lead to 47-31, which turned out to be the final score.

A game that was supposed to be all about the offenses lived up to the bidding as the teams combined for over 1,000 yards of total offense.

After hearing Coach Swinney harp all week about the importance of winning the turnover battle, Clemson turned the ball over more than Georgia Tech did, but it was the plays like the blocked field goal and the failed fourth down conversion that turned out to be the difference.

It was only the Tigers' second win in seven tries against their I-85 rivals. The win improved Clemson to 5-1 (2-1 ACC) while dropping Georgia Tech to 2-4 (1-3 ACC).



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BIG PLAY BREAKDOWN

Three Plays. 17 Seconds To Change The Game

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As the season continues, Clemson is utilizing multiple players and plays to make their offense tick. As a result their offense is becoming one of the most potent in the nation. Junior quarterback Tajh Boyd is finding receivers early, delivering the ball in tight windows and his receivers are catching the tough throws. Somewhat surprising, though is the consistent record-breaking pace that junior receiver DeAndre Hopkins is setting. Hopkins has overshadowed his teammates, and opposing defenses are struggling to contain him.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter that Clemson finally put away Georgia Tech, and not without a few special plays from special players. Trailing by one point early in the fourth quarter, Clemson was moving the ball effortlessly. With the ball spotted on the Clemson 35-yard line, it was an easy bet on who was going to get the ball.

Clemson was lined up in the pistol as they have grown accustomed to doing this season, with receivers Sammy Watkins and Jaron Brown on the left, and Hopkins on the right with Sam Cooper at the tight end position.

Georgia Tech's defense lined up in the nickel defense with zone coverage in an attempt to curb Clemson's short passes that had proved successful earlier in the game.

After the ball was snapped, Boyd faked a handoff to running back Roderick McDowell and dropped back. Clemson's offensive line staved off Georgia Tech, and Boyd had all the time in the world to find his receiver. Clemson's left side receivers ran various slants to the middle while Cooper ran an out route to the right. Boyd pump faked a throw while Hopkins simultaneously stopped for a moment, turned and then continued up the field.

As he turned back upfield, Boyd tossed a perfect ball to Hopkins, who made a magnificent catch, his second of the drive. Clemson's offense brought out the fireworks over the

West End Zone and they planned to set off more on the conversion after the touchdown.

Clemson strategically planned to go for the two-point conversion in an attempt to bring their lead to seven.

On the conversion, Clemson lined up in the shotgun with Watkins and Hopkins out wide left, running back Andre Ellington in the back field and Brown on the right of the formation.

Here is where things got tricky: Boyd walked up to the line acting like he was calling an audible as he walked from linemen to linemen, but the ball was directly snapped to Ellington.

Ellington turned to his left as Hopkins ran to the right of the field, and as Hopkins runs by, Ellington pitched to the ball to him. Now that Hopkins has the ball, Georgia Tech thought that they were going to tackle the stud receiver for a loss on the play, only to realize that they had run right by Boyd who didn't block any of them. Once Hopkins got out into space, it was a quick little toss to Boyd at the side of the end zone for a quick two points and a seven point lead.

The score delighted Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney.

"That was great! I know all the guys were excited to finally use it in a game," Swinney said. "We have been practicing that play waiting for the right opportunity to use it. Today happened to be that day."

Clemson's offense was having no trouble moving the ball; the only problem was that Georgia Tech did not seem to have that problem either. For Clemson to finally grab the reigns of the game, the defense needed to make a stop.

As momentum would have it, the defense had a prime opportunity directly after the touchdown. After a Spencer Benton kick-off that was muffed by Georgia Tech's return man, the defense had Georgia Tech on their own one-yard line.

After nearly throwing an interception on first down, the Yellow Jackets were looking for breathing room and were going to run the ball, as is the norm for the triple-option.

Clemson loaded the line of scrimmage with six defenders and had two linebackers in the box as well. As the ball was snapped, Clemson's defensive front got a huge push and was able to shed the infamous chop blocks set by the Georgia Tech offensive line.

Georgia Tech's quarterback Tevin Washington got the snap, and kept on the first option, only to pitch it out to running back Zack Laskey. Laskey found no daylight along the line, and was running in the end zone laterally while looking for a hole to cut through. With Clemson bearing down on him, he finally decided to cut up field, only to be met by an unblocked linebacker named Spencer Shuey.

"They ran the same play. We have been preparing for that play all week," Shuey said. "And once I saw the kickoff team pin them down on the one, I knew they had a pretty good chance to run the ball. I just got a good read and got a good jump on the ball and was able to make a play."

The defensive safety upped the score to 40-31 and Clemson was going to receive the ball after the kickoff as well. Shuey's tackle allowed Clemson to finally control the game, and after that point, it was all but over.

Shuey knew the implications that the play brought.

"It was great for the game and once the crowd erupted, we knew it was a huge momentum play in the game. It turned out to be a big factor in the game," Shuey said.

It was an exciting minute of football for Clemson fans and it was a rare win over Georgia Tech in the Dabo Swinney era. One can only hope for more defensive improvement in the coming weeks leading up to the big showdown on November 24.



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10:36

DeAndre Hopkins beats the defense with a double move for a touchdown.

CU 36:31 GT

10:29

Boyd catches a pass from Hopkins for a two-point conversion.

CU 38:31 GT

10:24

Spencer Shuey penetrates the line for the tackle to score the safety.

CU 40:31 GT

10:19

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young offensive line, after replacing four starters on last year's offensive line and now having to replace the veteran leader.

Clemson will return to the field fresh off of a much needed bye week. Previously injured key players Brandon Ford (ankle), DJ Howard (shoulder) and Martavis Bryant (groin) will all return to action this week.

Frank Beamer has dominated the ACC on the road, going 27-6 against the ACC, since joining the conference in 2004.

"They have been very consistent," Swinney said on Tuesday. "I know everybody talks about that they haven't played as consistently this year, but they're Virginia Tech."

Clemson and Virginia Tech are both in the hunt for their respective division titles this season; both teams have a 2-1 record in conference play.

The Tigers and Hokies clashed last season in Blacksburg in a battle of undefeated ACC powers, but the Tigers stole the show 23-3, bursting Virginia Tech's hopes of contending for a BCS Title.

The Hokies bounced back to win the Coastal Division in impressive fashion, winning seven straight going into their second chance at the Tigers in the ACC Championship. Clemson showed their dominance against Virginia Tech, winning 38-10 in the Tigers first ACC Championship since 1990. The Tigers' defense will focus on stopping the run and freshman running back J.C. Coleman, who ran wild Saturday against Duke. The Tigers have allowed 540 yards on the ground in the last two games against Boston College and Georgia Tech.

First-year Defensive Coordinator Brent Venables mentioned a few younger players who would probably get more playing time this weekend. He noted Travis Blanks at safety and Tavares Barnes at defensive end.

The Hokies have to run the ball effectively against the Tigers, if they have any chance to win; Virginia Tech has averaged almost 200 yards in wins and 86 yards in losses this year. The Hokies have actually averaged more yards passing in losses with 287 yards than in wins with 217 yards per contest.

Clemson has the home field advantage going into Saturday's game vs. Virginia Tech. Clemson remains unbeaten in Memorial Stadium over the past two years; a 10-0 home record dates back to the opener last year against Troy University.

TIGER SPORTS ROUND UP

Taking a look around the rest of the world of Clemson Athletics.

STAFF REPORTS

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Clemson volleyball beat Wake Forest, 25-20, 25-21, 25-21 in Winston-Salem, N.C. Clemson moved to above .500 in league play for the first time this season. The Tigers started 1-4 but have now won four in a row to shoot back up the standings. Clemson beat Virginia Tech at home 3-0, and then Clemson won at Duke 3-2 before striking down the Demon Deacons. Sandra Adeleye led all players with 16 kills and five blocks, and Alexa Rand had nine kills and five blocks as well in the match against Wake Forest. The team hosts a pair of ranked teams this weekend in No. 24 Miami (Fla.) and No. 12 Florida State.

Clemson women's soccer team fell to No. 7 North Carolina 4-0. With the loss, the Tigers dropped to 5-9-2 overall (0-8 ACC). The Tigers created a couple of good scoring chances in the game but were unable to capitalize. In the second half, junior forward Tabitha Padgett took a close-range shot that was saved. Just following the missed shot, Maddy Elder sent a corner kick into the box to Padgett. It bounced off Padgett's hip and into the goal but was nullified by a penalty. "For the majority of the second half, we did a fantastic job, and UNC punished us for it," Head Coach Eddie Radwanski said.

The men's and women's cross country teams competed at the Pre-Nationals on Saturday in Louisville, Ky. Aaron Ramirez was the highlight of the competition with a personal best over 8,000 meters in the unseeded men's race. Ramirez posted a time of 24:23.4. The women's team finished 16th out of 38 teams in the seeded 6K competition. He helped the Tigers to an eighth-place finish as a team. In the women's race, the Tigers top performer on Saturday

was Natalie Anthony in 65th place. The junior recorded a time of 21:12.3 over the 6K course. The teams return to action on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the ACC Championships. The meet will take place in Blacksburg, Va.

Play concluded at the Duckworth Family Fall Tennis Classic on Sunday at the Hoke Sloan Tennis Center in Clemson, S.C. The three-day event hosted more than 20 men's and women's teams and featured a total of 16 singles flights and eight doubles flights. "I've been here 16 seasons, and this is the largest collegiate tennis tournament that I've seen at Clemson," said Head women's tennis coach Nancy Harris. The Clemson teams will be in action this week at the ITA Carolina Regional Championships. They will play starting Oct. 18, and the finals are scheduled for Monday, Oct. 22.

Tiger baseball will play three Orange & Purple baseball games on the weekend of Oct. 26-28 at Doug Kingsmore Stadium. Admission is free, and the intrasquad scrimmages will conclude fall practice. The Tigers open their 2013 season on Feb. 15 against William & Mary at Doug Kingsmore Stadium.

The men's basketball team was picked to finish eighth in the Atlantic Coast Conference Coaches Preseason Poll. The women's basketball team was picked to finish tenth in ACC by the both the ACC Head Coaches and the Blue Ribbon Panel. Clemson freshman Jonquel Jones was also named to the ACC Preseason Newcomer Watch List by both groups.

Clemson was recently announced the winner of the South's Best Tailgate. More than 510,000 votes were cast in the Southern Living contest that ran for nearly two months. Clemson took first place, ahead of Ole Miss and Alabama, second and third respectively.



Natalie Patzin and her team have now reeled off four straight wins.



The women's soccer team is still looking for their first ACC win.

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only one of these coaches has been able to back it up.

The series is outweighed in Clemson's favor but not within the past four years. Spurrier has the records and championships to back up his talk, while Dabo is still early in his coaching career.

Dabo's main objective is to protect his team and stick up for them in times like these. What I'd like to see from Clemson is for them to step up and control the rivalry under their coach. I'm a firm believer in "show me" rather than "tell me." Even though Dabo's superb oration skills get me fired up every time he responds to Spurrier, so far he and Clemson has yet to "show me."

This season I hope Dabo can take down this material and post it everywhere possible so the players can see it, and that Clemson wins their biggest game of the year. After every game, fans of both sides are sizing up their team based on the previous week to their in-state rivals.

At this point in the Dabo era, Spurrier has Clemson's number, but it is finally time for Dabo's recruiting classes as a head coach to see significant playing time. Both teams are going to come in with confidence, and it will be Dabo's best opportunity to beat them since his first year as the head coach.

For Dabo to continue this banter with Spurrier, he needs to win the games that matter, otherwise he should consider keeping his head down and keep working until he finally earns those bragging rights.

To make things clear, I am not against Dabo responding to Spurrier, I am against responding to a head coach who has been known to troll other coaches via the media, without having the record to back it up.

South Carolina has never won more than four games in a row in the series, but as a logical sports fan, they could be flirting with tying that record, if not surpassing it. It is up to Dabo to find a way to use these quotes in a way that will ignite a fire in his players and win the Battle of the Palmetto State.

Only then will I support Dabo's bragging — if Clemson beats South Carolina this year, I know I will brag right there with him.

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TIGERS SMASH FIVE PAST GARDNER-WEBB THANKS TO SAVAGE, AMIRKHANIAN

The men's soccer team continued their run of good form by smashing five goals past the Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs in a 5-0 shutout on Tuesday night at Historic Riggs Field.

The five goals included senior forward Austin Savage's first career hat-trick and a second half brace from sophomore midfielder Amir Amirkhanian.

The Tigers were ahead within the first minute of the game, as Manolo Sanchez whipped in a cross that Savage volleyed in at the near post.

Five minutes later, the lead was doubled, again through Savage. A poor clearance fell

to midfielder Alex Stockinger, and after a quick pass, Savage turned and slotted past the Bulldog goalkeeper Jaap Elekan.

Savage completed his first half hat-trick on the half-hour mark. A low cross from the left hand flank by Amirkhanian was hit first-time past Elekan for the first hat-trick for Clemson since Michael Brooks in 2008.

Good combination play by Sanchez and freshman midfielder Paul Clowes made it four shortly into the second half, as Clowes cross found Amirkhanian to head home.

Ten minutes later, the Central, S.C., native had his second. Savage's cross was swung-on-and-missed by Clowes in the box, but it

turned out to be the perfect "dummy" for Amirkhanian to hit past Elekan for the fifth and final goal of the match.

After the game, head coach Mike Noonan reflected upon the win.

"I am happy with the way we came out and started the match," said Noonan. "We came out focused, and I think we learned things from the previous matches, and that is not to let up and play the entire 90 minutes."

"Tonight, we were able to finish and score goals. I told Austin before the game to go out there and have fun. He is a unique player and can score goals in many ways. He has the ability, and he contin-

ued to work hard in the game."

Clemson will return to action on Friday night at 6 p.m. against San Diego State, and they will honor the 25th Anniversary of the 1987 National Championship team, who beat the same Aztecs in the final.

"We are looking forward to this weekend, as San Diego State is coming to Clemson on Friday night. One of our core values of our program is to honor the tradition and alumni who have helped build this great program at Clemson."

"We look forward to having this wonderful team back on campus, and it will be an exciting and fun time for everyone."

ROBBIE TINSLEY SPORTS EDITOR



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PHENOMS POWER TIGERS TO FIFTH PLACE FINISH

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The future of Clemson men's golf is looking bright.

With four freshmen in the lineup at this past weekend's Jerry Pate Intercollegiate in Birmingham, Ala., the Tigers did not back down against a national field en route to a fifth place finish at 870. Even more impressive is the fact that three of the four freshmen finished inside the Top-20 of the 60-man field.

In just his third career start as a Tiger, Miller Caps looked like a seasoned veteran out on the difficult par-70 Old Overton Club. With the help of a second round 68, the Denver, N.C., native finished third individually at 210, even par. Capps was one of three players who finished even par or better for the tournament, trailing Auburn's Michael Johnson by a shot and Alabama's Justin Thomas by two. When asked about how difficult it was to handle the pressure that goes along with contending for an individual title, Capps said there wasn't much to handle.

Lofty words from a freshman who is still getting his feet wet when it comes to playing competitive college golf.

"Coach Penley and Coach Byrd have told us from day one to focus on the process and

the rest will take care of itself, and that's what I did," Capps said. "I was honestly never sure where exactly I stood individually, so all I could do was keep grinding and trying to get everything I could out of the round."

As expected, Blake Kennedy was given his first career start as a Tiger, and the freshman from Spartanburg did not disappoint. Kennedy fired rounds of 74-67-77 to finish in a tie for 11th. His 67 was the lowest by a Clemson golfer at the tournament and was the lowest competitive round of the year by a Tiger.

"Miller was excellent all weekend. He had a solid plan and executed and is only going to get better as his confidence grows," Coach Larry Penley said. "The same goes for Blake. With the exception of the last 6 holes, Blake played as well as anyone in the field."

Cody Proveaux chalked together another solid outing down in Alabama with scores of 72-75-73 to finish in a tie for 19th. Stephen Behr has been the dominating presence on this team since the season began but was unable to put all the pieces together in Birmingham with a tie for 26th finish and rounds of 75-72-76. Senior Crawford Reeves finished 36th and is still searching for his rhythm as the fall portion of the schedule comes to a close with only

one tournament left. He carded rounds of 75-74-77.

After a second round team score of 281, the lowest of any team at the event, the Tigers charged into second place and looked prime to make a run at the title. But the lack of experience seemed to catch-up with Penley's squad as they settled for a 295 final round total.

"We never got it going the last day," Penley said. "We had lots of mistakes early and never really recovered. We were still in excellent shape through 12 but had a poor finish on 15-18; inexperience certainly played a big role in this mindset." The Tigers were a combined seven over par for the last four holes on Tuesday.

Regardless of the unfortunate finish, the Tigers have a lot to look forward to on the road ahead. As these freshmen continue to gain experience playing with the best in the country, they will only become more dangerous to opposing schools.

The US Collegiate this weekend in Alpharetta, Ga., is the final stop for the Tigers on their fall schedule as these young guns will look to make some noise at the Golf Club of Georgia before prepping for the spring schedule.



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HALFWAY HOME: CFB MIDSEASON REPORT

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The 2012 college football season has taught us a few things: not a whole lot of teams enjoy playing defense, the Big Ten is doing its best to win the title of worst BCS conference and the SEC has a handful of teams who believe that they will be the league's seventh consecutive national champion. However, minimizing the college football season to those three storylines would be overlooking a number of key events that should keep the eye of the average college football fan wandering from now until early December.

There are conference races going on for BCS bids, and while some may feel confident putting a team into a BCS bowl automatically, we have seen a number of Top Ten preseason teams fall in the first month.

In the ACC Atlantic, four teams are still in the hunt. Maryland, far and away, is the most surprising, as some questioned whether they would win more than two games all year, let alone their first two league games. North Carolina State pulled the major upset of Florida State to firmly place themselves in the race while Clemson and Florida State still sit as the two favorites to win the league.

The ACC Coastal has been a train wreck all season; none of the teams have taken the title of favorite and run with it. Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech were the two main picks at the beginning of the year, but Georgia Tech has blown lead after lead and already lost defensive coordinator Al Groh, and Virginia Tech has lost three of their first seven games, a loss total they often do not see in entire seasons.

Miami comes off of a self-imposed bowl ban last year to jump out to a 3-0 league record, but a loss to the sanctioned UNC Tar Heels brought them back to the pack. Then there is 5-2 Duke, the school that spends their falls preparing for basketball season with one of their best seasons in program history.

In the Big 12 you have Kansas State and their old coach Bill Snyder pulling his tricks again. Led by the dynamic Collin Klein, they have risen to a top five ranking and control

their own destiny in the conference. Oklahoma and West Virginia figure to be the next two in line as of mid-October, but West Virginia has a defense that is equally as inefficient as their offense is explosive.

The SEC has four of the Top Ten teams in America, and Alabama leads the charge as the defending national champ. Still their matchup with LSU in two months could very well determine the SEC championship game rep from the West. However, that would be overlooking the great job Dan Mullen has done at Mississippi State where the Bulldogs will likely be 7-0 when their Alabama game rolls around. Arkansas and Auburn have fallen on hard times and perhaps could see new coaches at year's end. Then who could miss out on Texas A&M's freshman sensation, Johnny Manziel, and the excitement he brings to the field each week.

In the East, the Florida Gators and South Carolina Gamecocks play this week with the winner controlling their destiny the rest of the way out. Will Muschamp took the negativity surrounding the team before the season and put it to rest quickly. Meanwhile, Georgia is still lingering around with their prolific offense and a defense that, despite the national ranks, does not reflect the expectations of what was supposed to be an elite unit.

Meanwhile, the two leagues that make up the Rose Bowl both have surprised a bit. The Big Ten has been dreadful, and their best team, Ohio State, is on postseason ban and thus ineligible for the conference championship game or national title race. Michigan has seemingly vanished since their opening week loss to Alabama while Michigan State and Nebraska have taken turns losing games in ugly fashion. Ironically, the two best storylines from the Big Ten may be the job Bill O'Brien has done in the aftermath of the Jerry Sandusky scandal at Penn State, and Northwestern's 5-0 start that included three non-conference wins over BCS opponents.

In the PAC-12, USC was slated to be the juggernaut that ran to the conference crown as they redeem themselves after their two-year bowl ban in the fallout from the Reggie Bush scandal. However, Oregon has again taken control of the league behind their explosive run-

ning back tandem of De'Anthony Thomas and Kenjon Barner. David Shaw has shown that he is more than just the guy holding the headset for Andrew Luck; Stanford has remained a viable contender even after Luck's departure. Other storylines center on the new coaches in the league with Todd Graham and Jim Mora Jr. experiencing immediate success at Arizona State and UCLA respectively.

The Heisman Race is also worth tracking as Geno Smith had been running away with the title before last week's poor performance at Texas Tech. Kansas State's Collin Klein and Ohio State's Braxton Miller have been the two names most commonly brought up for challengers. With that said perhaps a little love for Clemson's own DeAndre Hopkins, who is currently second in the nation in receiving yards and fourth in receiving touchdowns at the midpoint, is in order. In a year, where offensive explosion seems to be the norm, Hopkins is on track for some prolific numbers at year's end.

There are surprise teams popping up all over the country as well. Oregon State had fallen on hard times in recent years, and Mike Riley was widely considered to be in the hot seat entering the year. Yet, they remain ninth in the first BCS standings and a legitimate threat to Oregon and USC in the PAC-12. Mississippi State, Duke and Northwestern were also previously mentioned and have exceeded expectations to date.

While it may be difficult to qualify them as a BCS buster anymore, Boise State is again putting themselves in position to break into a BCS bowl. If they win the Mountain West conference and finish in the Top 16 of the BCS standings, they'll be given an automatic BCS bid, if they're ahead of one of the major conference champs. Kellen Moore or not, Chris Petersen is doing it again for the Broncos.

We're still six or seven weeks from settling everything and putting all of these topics to rest, but, as is usually the case, college football is setting itself for a wild, drama-filled conclusion. It is another season that will likely have fans pulling their hair out, ripping the BCS standings and keeping their fingers crossed that with a break or two. They can accomplish the goals they still have in front of them.

WILL THIS PLAYOFF FIX ANYTHING?

KEVIN THOMAS
columnist



With last weekend's release of the first BCS Standings of the season, it got me to thinking: will we really be any better off without the BCS in the future? In case you don't know, the NCAA presidents have approved a four-team playoff beginning in 2014, which will effectively end the BCS.

Right off the bat, I know most people will say "Yes, any playoff is better than the BCS," and that may be true. However, a common complaint that people employ to back this thought process and that often hear is that "the BCS is broken." Well, that's not exactly true.

The BCS is not broken. You may not like what it says, but it is not broken. The BCS was formed to pit the top two teams, derived by its formula, against each other in a championship game, and it has done exactly that. People may not like the two teams it picked, but that's what the formula came up with. It's not like there is an erroneous number figured in somewhere — the BCS gave you its top two teams, and they played for the crystal ball.

Now let's look at this new four-team playoff. A selection committee will decide these four teams. However, it is yet to be determined who will be on this committee or what format they will use to select the four teams.

Here is the problem we run into with this: what if your favorite team is fifth? Aren't the fans of the fifth place team going to complain just as much as fans of the third place team in the current system do now?

The fact that the playoff is only for four teams does not raise the margin of error by very much, and many people will still be irate that their team was not chosen.

Another problem: depending on who is on this selection committee, there is a strong chance that there could be a selection bias, which will cause an uproar. Let us take this scenario: a name I heard as a possibility to be on the committee is the former coach Bobby Bowden. If Florida State is selected as the fourth team over teams like Georgia, Oregon, Oklahoma or even Clemson, do you think the fans of those teams will be pleased with the new system? Essentially, I do not see how it is a whole lot better than the BCS system we now use.

Here is what I would suggest: an eight-team playoff. Eight gives the committee more wiggle room and a greater margin of error than the four-team playoff will. Heck, you can even keep the current BCS system to determine the eight teams that make the playoff; I think that makes more sense than a selection committee.

An eight-team playoff would allow you to use the four current BCS bowls (Rose, Orange, Sugar, Fiesta) for the national quarterfinals games and then bid out the last three games.

Yes, I would like to say thank you to the BCS Commissioners and the Presidents of the schools that voted for the four-team playoff that will begin in the 2014 season and continue until 2025 (so we better get used to it), but why not go to eight? That would open up so many more opportunities both financially and competitively.

So yes, a four-team playoff system is a start, but I do not think it will be a tremendous upgrade from the current system.

Current BCS Standings

RK	TEAM	RECORD
1.	Alabama	(6-0)
2.	Florida	(6-0)
3.	Oregon	(6-0)
4.	Kansas State	(6-0)
5.	Notre Dame	(6-0)
6.	LSU	(6-1)
7.	South Carolina	(6-1)
8.	Oregon State	(5-0)
9.	Oklahoma	(4-1)
10.	USC	(5-1)

Game of the Week for the rest of the way

GAME	DATE
1. South Carolina @ Florida	10/20
2. North Dakota @ Oklahoma	10/27
3. Alabama @ LSU	11/3
Runner up: Oregon @ USC	11/3
4. Oregon State @ Stanford	11/10
5. Oklahoma @ WVU	11/17
6. Notre Dame @ USC	11/24
7. Texas @ Kansas State	12/1

FANTASY FOOTBALL

"THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS A MAN CAN DO WITH HIS TIME, AND FANTASY FOOTBALL IS BETTER THAN ALL OF THEM"

ROBERT SNYDER III

STAFF WRITER

A lot of division match ups make this week more interesting with big games in New England, San Francisco and Chicago. With so many teams on their bye week this week your roster could get a little thin. Look for some good options at wide receiver for possible flex plays.

Players to Start

Ryan Fitzpatrick, QB, Buffalo Bills, (vs. Titans) — Fitzpatrick has struggled the past two weeks combining for only nine fantasy points but look for him to get back on track this week against a soft Tennessee defense. The Titans are allowing almost 300 yards and two touchdowns a game to opposing quarterbacks, and with Fitzpatrick having all of his weapons, healthy he could break the slump this week.

Darren McFadden, RB, Oakland Raiders, (vs. Jaguars) — McFadden appears to be recovered from his shoulder injury and even punched in a touchdown last week. McFadden will run all over this Jacksonville defense that's allowing 120 yards and a touchdown per game to opposing running backs.

Chris Johnson, RB, Tennessee Titans, (at Bills) — Johnson started the season a little slower than we're used to seeing from this electrifying tailback. The Bills' defense is allowing the most fantasy points to running backs at 22.6 points a game. Johnson is warming up but he could blow the lid off this week in Buffalo.

Mike Williams, WR, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, (vs.

Saints) — Williams has exploded the past two games averaging 114 yards per game and almost 29 yards per catch. Williams should be able to keep up this streak against a very porous New Orleans secondary.

Jeremy Kerley, WR, New York Jets, (at Patriots) — Kerley is one of the best weapons on this Jets offense, and he has an opportunity to show it this week against the Patriots. The New England defense is allowing the third most points to opposing wide receivers. The Jets passing game could have a breakout performance against this secondary.

Jason Witten, TE, Dallas Cowboys, (at Panthers) — Witten has caught an impressive 19 receptions in his last two games, combining for 200 yards. Romo and this passing attack seem to be firing on all cylinders. Look for Witten to keep getting the targets and big points should follow.

Players to Sit

Matthew Stafford, QB, Detroit Lions, (at Bears) — Stafford has been productive all year averaging almost 300 yards per game but he is lacking in touchdowns. Don't look for that stat to change against the Chicago defense who has only allowed four touchdowns.

Marshawn Lynch, RB, Seattle Seahawks, (at 49ers) — Lynch is in a bit of a slump right now running for only 63 yards a game over the past two weeks. Lynch won't likely go into "Beast Mode" against this 49ers defense who has only allowed one rushing touchdown all year.

Shonn Greene, RB, New York Jets, (at Patriots) — Greene blew up last game running for 161 yards and

three touchdowns but look for him to come back down to earth this weekend against the stout New England running defense.

Miles Austin, WR, Dallas Cowboys, (at Panthers) — Austin has had such few targets and receptions lately, Dez Bryant and Jason Witten are gobbling up the ball. Austin should be held in check this week against a formidable Panthers pass defense.

Jared Cook, TE, Tennessee Titans, (at Bills) — Cook has been consistent all year but if he keeps not scoring a touchdown he's not worth the start. Buffalo has only allowed one touchdown to tight ends all year long; Matt Hassellbeck as quarterback doesn't help either.

Players to Pick Up

Josh Gordon, WR, Cleveland Browns, (at Indiana) — Josh Gordon has been an excellent surprise this year for the Browns offense and he is quickly becoming quarterback Brandon Weeden's top target. Gordon has three touchdowns over the past two games and he should add to that number this week.

Danny Woodhead, RB/WR, New England Patriots, (vs. Jets) — Woodhead is a shifty player out of the backfield and the Jets haven't been able to stop players like that this year. Woodhead should get more looks with running back Brandon Bolden questionable for Sunday.

Kendall Wright, WR, Tennessee Titans, (at Bills) — Wright has had 15 receptions in the last two games and that trend looks to continue this week against a weak Bills' defense. Wright has got the speed to break loose and reach the end zone this week.

WEEK 7

STAFF PICK'EM

	LSU (-3) @ Texas A&M	Stanford (-2.5) @ Cal	NC State (-3.5) @ Maryland	UNC (-10.5) @ Duke	Kansas State @ WVU (-3)	Wake Forest @ UVA (-3.5)	FSU (-20) @ Miami	Penn State @ Iowa (-3)	South Carolina @ Florida (-3)	Virginia Tech @ Clemson (-8.5)
Aaron 35	LSU	Cal	MD	DUKE	WVU	UVA	MIAMI	FLORIDA	FLORIDA	FLORIDA
Robbie 29	ATM	Cal	S	S	WVU	UVA	MIAMI	FLORIDA	FLORIDA	FLORIDA
Andy 29	ATM	S	S	WVU	UVA	MIAMI	FLORIDA	FLORIDA	FLORIDA	FLORIDA
Guest Mackenzie 30	LSU	S	S	WVU	UVA	MIAMI	FLORIDA	FLORIDA	FLORIDA	FLORIDA

SPORTS PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Don't tug on Superman's tail...

Clemson's guide for Arts
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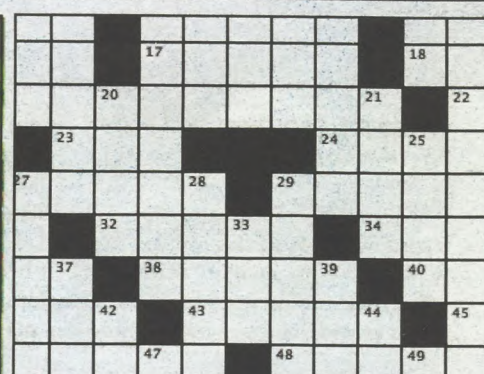
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Just Dance (It's Gonna Be OK.)

Kayla Cobb
Columnist



Let's face it — we're a campus that loves to have fun. Whether it's dominating USC at everything or taking a cookie break at Harcombe, Clemson students know the value of taking a minute to relax and have a good time. But no matter what leisure activity I am enjoying, one thing always holds true: I always see someone dancing at some point. Don't get me wrong; dancing is wonderful. It's a great expression that conveys our happiness and is an outlet for fun, but some people forget that there's more to dancing than rocking that step that "Hitch" taught us. For all of those people out there who have forgotten any dances that don't involve grinding or being immobile, here's a refresher course:

Gangnam Style

The newest variation of the cowboy is dy-no-mite. Even though the only three words a majority our nation understands are "hey sexy lady," this beat is so dope that it transcends nationalities and generations. Whether you're a vampire-loving tween or an edgy grandma, everyone loves to gallop in place. If this dance craze is your jam, then you're like a short South Korean man in a tacky suit — you're a little odd and kind of in-your-face when you're walking through the snow but ultimately awesome. You do whatever you want, and you don't care what other people think. This dance is perfectly acceptable to do anywhere: during class, in the middle of Bi-Lo, before Student Media meetings — like I said, anywhere.

The Shopping Cart

A classic. What do you need from the store today? A can of beans? A loaf of bread? WOAHH, back dat a** up! Put that bread back, and get some chips. Whoever transformed this mundane chore into the dancing staple of prom and homecoming was a genius. Generally, this dance is only used ironically. What else can you do when you're awkwardly standing in a corner and the only other move you know is the robot? Even though pushing an imaginary shopping cart may be seen as silly, most people love this move and secretly wish they would be fun-loving enough to pull it off. If this is your move of choice, you're a goofy person who loves a good time. Hit me up if you ever need a dance-off partner.

The Wop

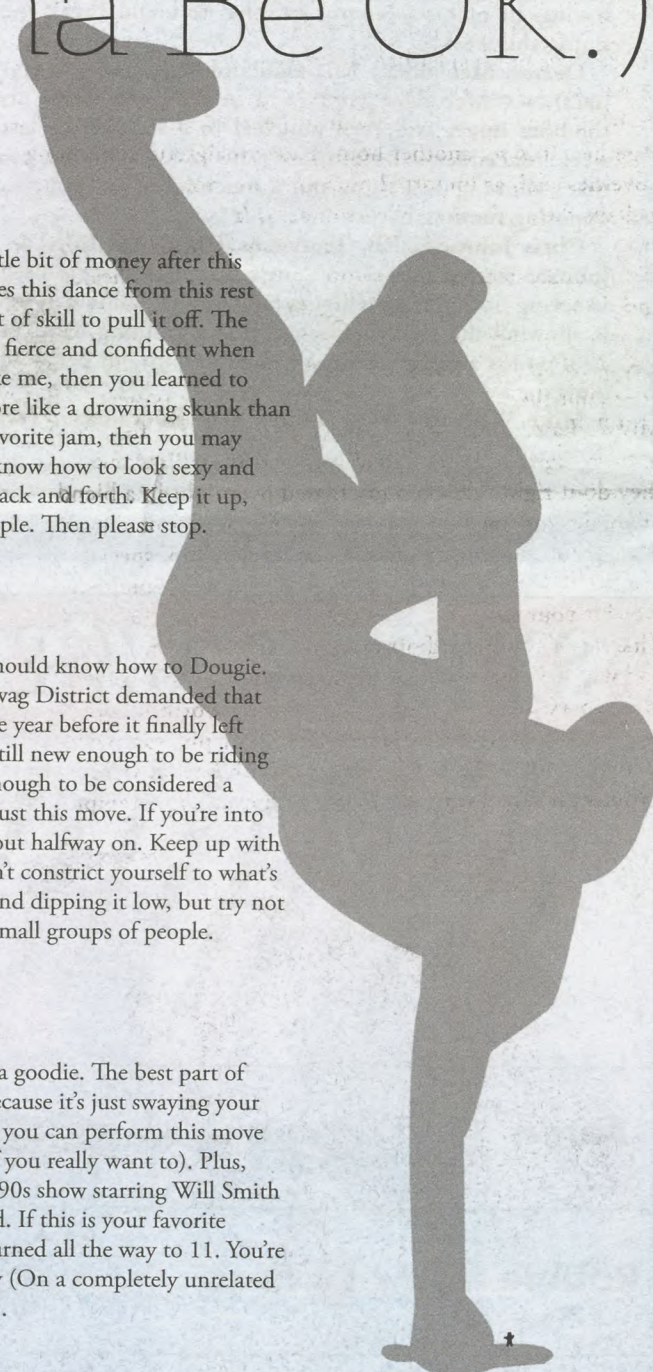
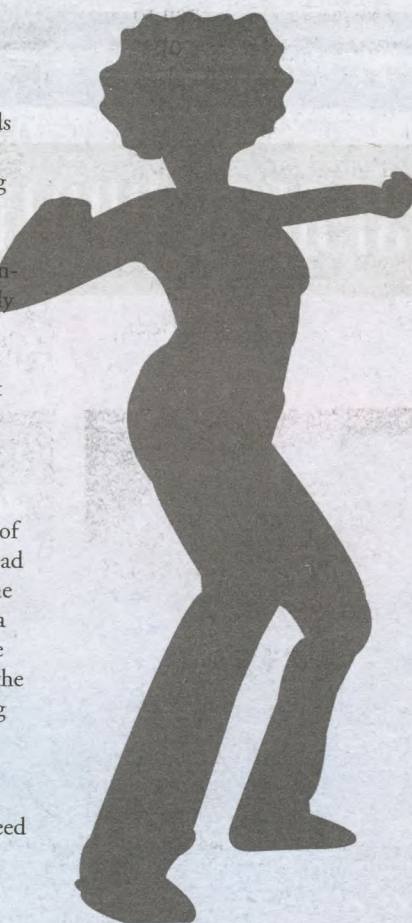
J. Dash made more than a little bit of money after this hit single. One thing that separates this dance from this rest is that you have to have a little bit of skill to pull it off. The experienced Wop expert can look fierce and confident when breaking it down, but if you're like me, then you learned to Wop during Zumba and look more like a drowning skunk than an actual person. If this is your favorite jam, then you may actually be a decent dancer. You know how to look sexy and strong while slinging your arms back and forth. Keep it up, unless you're not one of these people. Then please stop.

The Dougie

Let's be real — by now you should know how to Dougie. I mean I'm pretty sure the Cali Swag District demanded that this dance was taught for an entire year before it finally left my radio. By now the Dougie is still new enough to be riding the curtails of coolness and old enough to be considered a throwback dance, so feel free to bust this move. If you're into the Dougie, then your swag is about halfway on. Keep up with the popular dance trends, but don't constrict yourself to what's "in." Keep on flailing your arms and dipping it low, but try not to flail too much when you're in small groups of people.

The Carlton

Oh snap! This oldie is always a goodie. The best part of this dance is how versatile it is. Because it's just swaying your torso left and right and snapping, you can perform this move sitting, standing or lying down (if you really want to). Plus, this is a recognizable dance. Any '90s show starring Will Smith is automatically universally adored. If this is your favorite move, then you have your swag turned all the way to 11. You're awesome and brilliant. And pretty (On a completely unrelated note, this is my personal favorite.).



WHAT'S
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Sam Burchfield
Botanical Gardens
Clemson, S.C.

7 p.m.
free



FRIDAY
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Moi Navarro
Hendrix Center
Clemson, S.C.

8 p.m.
free



FRIDAY
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Rock the 'John
Littlejohn Coliseum
Clemson, S.C.

8 p.m.
free



FRIDAY
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VA Tech vs. Clemson
Death Valley
Clemson, S.C.

12 p.m.
free



SATURDAY
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OCTOBER

Xavier Rudd
Orange Peel
Asheville, N.C.

8 p.m.
\$20



SATURDAY
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Woodstone Pita

Kaitlin Carlyle

Columnist



If the name Woodstone Pita doesn't ring any bells or even sound slightly familiar, it should. This authentic Mediterranean restaurant has been satisfying taste buds for a little over a year now in their 405 College Avenue location. Although boasting popular items such as hummus, falafels and pitas, there is so much more than meets the eye. So very much more. Their menu boasts a wide array of traditional Mediterranean dishes not to be found anywhere else in Clemson. These include tabbouli, fattoush and chicken or beef shawarma. If these words sound more like lines out of *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* rather than food dishes, allow me to intervene.

Tabbouli is a fresh, light salad consisting of finely chopped parsley, tomatoes, onions, mint and cracked wheat. All of this is tossed in a delicate lemon dressing that leaves you craving more after each bite. Fattoush is another style of salad featuring large chunks of ripe tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, lettuce and toasted pita. Perhaps the reason this is my favorite lies in the artfully crafted dressing that ties each of the ingredients harmoniously together. It is yet another homemade vinaigrette containing novelties such as imported pomegranate molasses and a citrus flavored spice called sumac. If it is not already evident in the few dishes just mentioned, the owners are clearly dedicated to their motto "authentic, fresh, healthy and delicious with 100 percent natural ingredients." But I won't stop there in my quest to tantalize your tummy and ward off your waistline worries, all of you meat-lovers out there have not been forgotten. The typical Middle Eastern sandwich, called shawarma, is a flavor packing signature menu item at Woodstone Pita, and they do it right. Chicken marinated overnight in a blend of yogurt and spices is just the base for the warm chewy pita. Accompaniments include lettuce, tomato, special Mediterranean pickles and the most addicting sauce to ever hit your tongue — their house made garlic sauce. This sauce could ward off Dracula from thirty miles away and will definitely kill any chances you have of a late night make out sesh, but it is so insanely worth it. The chicken shawarma is just one of the many pita sandwiches offered and like the rest, is available with beef as well. Various others adorn their menu with even more tempting

descriptions according to the way the meat is prepared. What's even better about their meat selection is that you can choose to have it served as a platter over rice with sides or atop a salad.

Aside from the variety of menu items at Woodstone Pita, I have to highlight the quality being provided here. Besides sharing yards in their homeland of Beirut, both of the owners also share the belief that they will serve only food they themselves would be satisfied eating. Such a philosophy is evident in each one of the carefully prepared items. For example, their hummus is made fresh every single morning from chickpeas that have soaked sufficiently overnight. The pita bread receives the same treatment; being baked fresh daily. A meat grinder sits modestly in the back of their kitchen allowing them to hand grind their own meat for items such as the kibbeh balls and beef kafta. This type of dedication to authenticity and quality is tough to come by both in Clemson and in the restaurant business in general. To spend such copious amounts of time making this food would infer high prices, right? Wrong. Not a single sandwich on their menu reaches above \$6.50 and their larger platters are all under \$10. Even their deliciously flaky and sweet dessert baklavas are only \$3.50. In my opinion, this is a steal. Chains such as Pita Pit, who serve primarily pre-packaged food, boast higher prices.

That is why I encourage you to walk just a few hundred yards farther down to Woodstone Pita where you will be greeted with a warm welcome and a genuinely satisfying meal. The owners are happy to cater to any question or need you have and will guide you in choosing from their long list of outstanding menu morsels. If you happen to be interested in catering any event or tailgate, they offer this option as well. Platters such as their hummus, chicken shawarma and pitas can be produced in bulk and they sell other dishes not on their standard menu as well. Among these are the delectable meat and spinach pies — both of which I had the pleasure of trying. You truly cannot go wrong with anything that you order here and I cannot emphasize enough the need for everyone to try this place. Whether new to Mediterranean cuisine or a seasoned veteran, you surely will not be disappointed by this fresh, flavorful and healthy food.

Photos by: Kaitlin Carlyle



Turquoise Jeep
40 Watt
Athens, Ga.

9 p.m.
\$12



Andrew Bird
Orange Peel
Asheville, N.C.

7 p.m.
\$28



Garden Naturalist
Botanical Gardens
Clemson, S.C.

8 p.m.
\$25



CU Singers
Brooks Center
Clemson, S.C.

8 p.m.
\$5



Nature Discover Hike
Botanical Gardens
Clemson, S.C.

Noon
\$5



Say Anything
40 Watt
Athens, Ga.

7:30 p.m.
\$16.50



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Know Before You Go

The good, the bad, the foreign

Savannah Mozingo

Staff Writer



Tigers know they are the best because we're told we are — school spirit dictates it is so. As a result of believing they've already found Heaven on Earth, most are just content to stay here for four, five, or even six solid years and some may actually never leave. Don't be that person. Get out of here and study abroad! Go for a semester, a year or whatever! Tiger Town will always be here to welcome you back, but time is ticking for you. Because we're making it super easy for you and have compiled hours of research into one easy-to-read format, you don't have any more excuses not to. All of the key information is in the chart below, so it's impossible to be too busy, too hung-over or too lazy to read a chart. Get out there and show the world what being a Tiger looks like!

University of Stellenbosch

Pros:

- Car breaks down? Ride an elephant.
- Now you can one up that person that keeps bragging about their mission trip three years ago. "I was in Africa for a whole week and it was the most incredible experience ever!" "Oh yeah? I lived there."
- Mountains and ocean are both right there.

Cons:

- You are limited in your travel options.
- Malaria.
- West Nile virus.
- African Trypanosomiasis.
- The fact that this list of diseases could go on and on and on.

University of Newcastle

Pros:

- It's right on the beach (Fun Fact: Study Abroad credits are transfer only so you need to get a C or better. Funner Fact: It's possible to study on the beach)
- Only two hours away from Sydney.
- STEVE IRWIN!!!

Cons:

- You will always be the palest person in any picture.
- Australia is the proud home of the world's deadliest snakes, spiders and sharks.
- It's very possible that you might suffer third degree burns just by walking outside.

University of Scrathclyde

Pros:

- You get to watch Downton Abbey before everyone else.
- You get to wear layers early.
- Fish and chips are on every corner and Indian food delivers right to your door!
- Concerts are awesome in the UK. Anyone who has a sliver of awesome shows up here at some point or another.
- They speak English. Kind of.
- "Spot a Ginger" is the best/easiest drinking game ever.

Cons:

- There are three times as many sheep as people.
- You wear layers in the summer. In the winter you will die of hypothermia because nothing in Earth is warm enough.
- They drive on the wrong side of the road and you will never remember that.
- It is very possible that you'll forget the sun exists.

Sophia University

Pros:

- All of the classes are taught in English.
- The University is in the heart of Tokyo.
- Sushi is served for lunch everyday.
- Japanese love Americans. No, seriously — They. LOVE. Us.

Cons:

- How do you feel about earthquakes and nuclear waste?
- Unless you want to spend a fortune on rent, you'll have to commute 45 minutes to and from housing everyday.
- You will never blend into a crowd.

Universidad Veracruzana

Pros:

- Taco Bell was only the beginning.
- Depending on your view of gun control, it could be an interesting semester.
- You'll be seeing the real culture and not the cheesy stuff. (Unless it's on nachos - zing!)

Cons:

- You need a minimum of four semesters of Spanish
- Border control.
- Unfortunately, people don't actually wear sombreros all the time.

Universite Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV

Pros:

- Black is indeed very slimming
- You have bread (croissant) for breakfast, bread (baguette) for lunch and wine for dinner.
- You're well situated in the middle of continental Europe with all of the other countries in easy reach. Get a Eurorail pass before you leave.
- Shaving is an option, just don't raise your arm in class. (Please ladies.)

Cons:

- No one will understand why you didn't stay in Paris
- It will take all day to run two errands
- That bread may not affect the French but the same can't be said for you. And the black will only do so much.

I, of the Tiger

Brother Micah

Ellen Meny
Columnist



Once in a blue moon a mystical figure graces Clemson's campus, leaving a lasting impression on students. It is said that this figure exists in the world of the weird and wonderful (for instance, the Redfern Robber, scrounging for medication in his instantly identifiable gray Clemson hoodie). However, not all of these memorable people are pathetic robbers who are in need of a prescription drug fix — occasionally, these characters take a more evil turn. Sometimes, they manifest themselves into the form of an angry, paunchy man with suspenders, a cap, a Bible and a hateful frame of mind. Enter Brother Micah.

Micah Armstrong, a Christian fundamentalist, became a full-time campus preacher in 2006, but this does not necessarily mean that he is the typical Perry Noble-style preacher. He travels to mostly Southeastern colleges with his wife Elizabeth Armstrong and preaches in central areas about a variety of lovely topics. In short, Brother Micah believes that literally everyone is going to hell except for a few choice individuals, specifically "maybe 5 percent [of America]." One can go to hell for several reasons that I was previously unaware of. For instance, I'm going to hell because I'm blonde, female, I believe in evolution and play sports. However, this does not surprise me — I knew that I was heading to hell ever

since I started replacing the toilet paper the wrong way.

Brother Micah also has a host of more stereotypical reasons on why he thinks everyone is going to hell. He believes that all Muslims are terrorists and Gandhi is currently in hell for being an idolater. Also, if you're Protestant — guess what? You're going to heaven! Just kidding. You're also going to hell. As for the LGBTQ community, congratulations — you have the special honor of being subjected to Brother Micah's songs, which include classics like "I'm a Happy Homophobe" and "It's Not Okay to Be Gay." He delights with lines such as "It's not okay to be gay" or "It's not okay to be a homo." I eagerly await for the LGBTQ community's rebuttal song, "It's Not Okay to Be a Massive, Hate-Mongering, Vile Jerk."

However, let's take a step back and examine the reasons why Brother Micah brings such distaste to campuses, including Clemson. He could simply ascribe to a hateful form of Christianity and see it as his duty to spread the word. Additionally, it's possible that he could secretly be a shock comedian who puts on a satirical spectacle and, at one point, will rip off his clothes, revealing himself as a blonde, soccer-playing Muslim transgendered person who wants to mock extreme religions. I, however, have a different theory.

You may be familiar with another hate group, the Westboro Baptist Church, who frequently picket soldiers' funerals and carry around "God Hates Fags" signs. Although they too could simply be absolutely bonkers, many people suggest that the Westboro Baptist Church attempts to incite rage in people, so when someone punches one of their members in the face, the Church can sue for money. It would be even easier for Brother Micah to have adapted this policy — he's one man, preaching to college students, whom I assume are generally already enraged. Someone pops him in the mouth, and he receives a hefty sum of money. It isn't a half-bad plan, and as long as there are angry people who can't control their fists, there will be a steady source of income for Brother Micah.

In conclusion, Brother Micah is a despicable human being. I feel bad for the other Micah Armstrong, a harmless-looking atheist writer, because now I'll always equate his name with an obnoxious overweight man who wears a stupid cap. The main takeaway is this: regardless of what Brother Micah's motives are, I urge you to avoid conflict with him. If anything, stop to have a chuckle and then move on. He represents hate in the world, and even if his "sacred" word by some cosmic joke turns out to be true, then heaven sounds like a dump. We may be going to hell, but hey, I've heard they serve beer all night.

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The Impossible Quiz

1. "That's what she said" is the catchphrase of which mid-2000s American sitcom character?
2. What "Sesame Street" character was explicitly mentioned during the first 2012 presidential debate?
3. Which Comedy Central television personality?
4. What is the smallest country in the United Kingdom?
5. What is the name of Harry Potter's owl?
6. Who is the Caesar Salad named for?
7. What country produces a quarter of the world's wool?

Beat the Editor

Spencer Kohn
Photo Editor

Spencer's Answers:

1. Michael Scott
2. Big Bird
3. Stephen Colbert
4. Northern Ireland
5. Hedwig
6. A Dog Whisperer
7. Scotland

Compare your answers with Spencer's by checking on the top of D8!

FIND RUSTY AND FRIENDS!

Rusty the Bear and his friends are hidden somewhere inside this edition of The Tiger. Of course, they are much smaller than this. Good Luck!



Photo of the Week:

Emily Pietras

"School Spirit"



SCORPIO

Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

Last week was a good week to work overtime. This week is a good week to spend all your extra chas.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

You'll finally perfectly flip a pancake this weekend, but only if no one sees it.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Some say "C" is always the most common answer on tests. On your Friday morning quiz, "D" is the key to an "A."



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 19

It doesn't matter if you have to give them your email address — never say "no" to a free t-shirt.



PISCES

Feb. 20 – March 20

Regardless of whether or not she'll like it, it's just a bad idea to buy your mom the "50 Shades of Grey" classical album.



ARIES

March 21 – April 20

Since we didn't have a football game this weekend, you now have a reason to use twice as much body paint this weekend.



TAURUS

April 21 – May 20

Letting your roommate cut your hair is only a good idea if you're down with an all-out shave.



GEMINI

May 21 – June 21

If you're planning on rocking an especially tacky Christmas sweater this December, hurry up and get one now.



CANCER

June 22 – July 22

Sweater weather is upon us, which means we should give extra kudos to those who continue to wear shorts every day.



LEO

July 23 – Aug. 23

Naming your oven mitt "Romney" isn't as clever as you think it is. (Especially if you're using it to cook "Barack Coleslawma".)



VIRGO

Aug. 24 – Sept. 22

Don't even try to use "that's what she said" this weekend. Steve Carell owns that joke.



LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

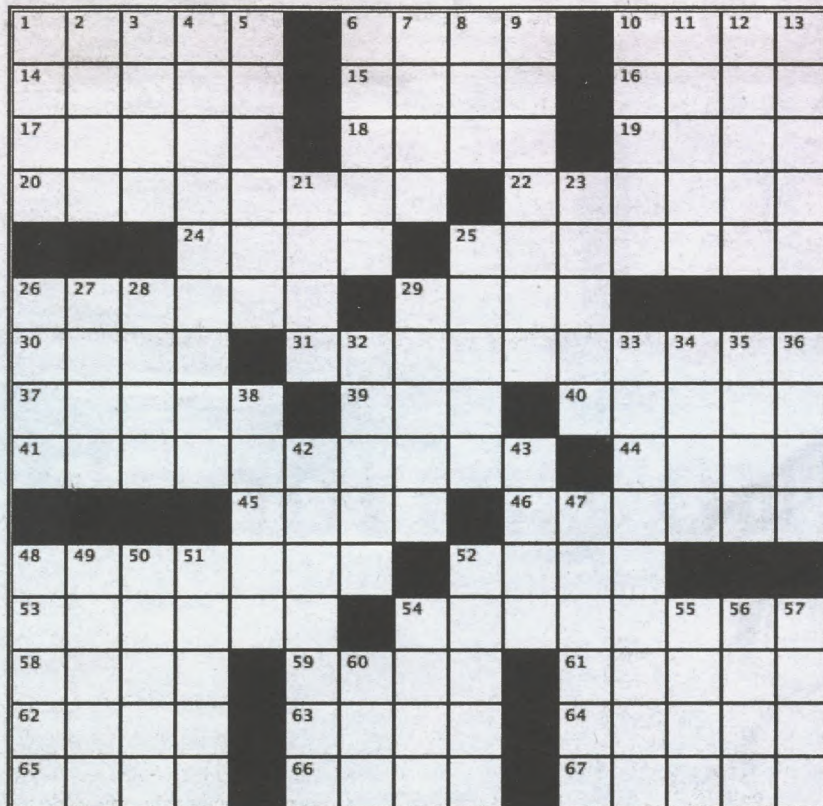
Play your cards right and you'll be scoring binders full of women/men this weekend.

SUDOKU

Skill Level: ♦♦♦♦♦♦

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CROSSWORD



Across

- 1- Moor
6- Nitti's nemesis
10- Stick in one's ____
14- Opponent of Ike;
15- Suit to ____
16- Burt's ex
17- Free laces, say
18- Very, in Versailles
19- Don Juan's mother
20- Channel leading
away
22- Ice cream topped
with syrup
24- Scottish body
25- Primitive form of
wheat
26- Two-piece bathing
suit
29- Hydroxyl compound
30- Not a dup.
31- Decreased
37- Vows
39- Grazing spot
40- Mock, annoy
41- Virulent epidemic
disease
44- Tabula ____

45- Transmit

- 46- Relax
48- Crushed sugarcane
52- And ____ goes
53- Bugs
54- Used
58- The back end of
something
59- Doozy
61- Related on the
mother's side
62- Frobe who played
Goldfinger
63- Vincent Lopez's
theme song
64- Tirades
65- Singer Fitzgerald
66- Storage shelter
67- Streamlined

Down

- 1- ____ monde
2- Poet ____ St. Vincent
Millay
3- Prefix with meter
4- Turn indicator
5- Sacred place
6- "Of course!"

7- French 101 verb

- 8- Spot
9- Official sitting
10- Short ringing sound
11- Sonata movement
12- Lend ____
13- Shrivels
21- Not base
23- Dark
25- Early computer
26- Betty of cartoons
27- Dies ____
28- Sets of equipment
29- Edit
32- Actress Graff
33- Occurring in late
summer
34- Lukas of "Witness"
35- "____ quam videri"
(North Carolina's motto)
36- Faculty head
38- Actress Spacek
42- Teachings
43- "The Time Machine"
race
47- Edmonton team
48- Vessel
49- Slippery as ____

50- Knot

- 51- It comes from the
heart
52- Fine fiddle
54- River to the Ubangi
55- Writer Grey
56- Kitchen addition
57- Writing table
60- Kabuki kin

Answers:
1. Michael Scott
2. Big Bird
3. Stephen Colbert
4. Northern Ireland
5. Hedwig
6. Caesar Cardini
7. Australia

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Syzygy. If you've never heard this word, don't worry; you won't be judged. That is, unless you're competing in the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, in which case you would be expected to know the word's language of origin, definition, pronunciation and spelling.

The Brooks Center for Performing Arts was recently home to The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, performed by the Department of Performing Arts and the Clemson Players. The musical play, directed by Professor Kerrie Seymour, ran from Oct. 1 until 10 and featured nine student actors along with an orchestra and extensive production team.

Following seven prepubescent contestants through their journey in a spelling bee, the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee did more than make the audience regret their own spelling skills — it tugged at heartstrings and delivered line after line of hilarity. From a snot rag-clenching super nerd, to a side-ponytail wearing daughter of absent parents, to a God-fearing overachiever, the characters of "Putnam" each relayed an emotional message about dealing with disappointments, growing up and trying to fit in. They each had their own comedic idiosyncrasies, which the actors portrayed with perfection, making the audience genuinely invested in the competition. Katelyn McGuirk, who plays Logainne Schwartzandgrubbeniere, describes

"Putnam" as "really a beautiful story underneath all of the lighthearted jokes."

Professor Seymour fell in love with "Putnam" after listening to the original cast recording four years ago, and the production fell into place this semester when she felt she had the perfect students to fill the roles. "I thought it was so hilarious and really had a lot of heart as well," Seymour said, noting that she most enjoyed working on the play because it allowed her to laugh every night. She described the most challenging part as preparing for the improvisation aspect of the script, which requires audience interaction, keeping the actors and the band on their toes. "Theatre is a live experience that unfortunately is dying, and it needs to be kept alive to touch people in a way that a movie can't. It's there right in front of you so close you can almost touch it. It just cuts so much deeper," said Hunter Spangler, who plays William Barfee.

While the Clemson performance of "Putnam" adhered to the original script, the play was unique in the significant changes made by costume designer Elizabeth McClernon. Seymour praised the way that McClernon interpreted the characters and altered the expected costumes to enhance their image.

The Brooks Center sold out of tickets for each of the eight performances of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. The Clemson Players will take the stage again in November, performing a student-written work featuring a guest director from Washington D.C.

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